THE ALL-NEW TENCHI MUYŌ!

Long Goodbyes

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Tenchi and friends return for love, laughs and slapstick violence in the tenth and final volume of **The All-New Tenchi Muyô!** Join hard-fightin' (and hard-lovin') Ryoko, prim and proper Ayeka, sunny Sasami, supergenius Washu, Ryo-Oh-Ki the carrot-eating spaceship, and that guy they all live with...what was his name again?

Tenchi's troubles are even worse than usual this time, thanks to an unwelcome blast from the past: Kagato, the very first interstellar baddie that Team Tenchi ever defeated. Suzuka, Kagato's loyal assistant, has tracked down the hero who destroyed her master and plans to exact the cruelest revenge imaginable, duping Tenchi with a clone of his long-dead mother! Can Ryoko and Ayeka join forces long enough to warn Tenchi? Can the gang stop Suzuka before it's too late? And, when faced with losing his mother a second time, can Tenchi find the strength to say goodbye?

LAST VOLUME! WHO WILL GET THE GUY...?

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Chapter 1: Madness

SHF...
...
HMMM...
ER... THANKS.
THAT WAS REALLY GOOD, SASAMI.
OH... THANKS, TENCHI.
JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM YOU, SASAMI.
BUT...

...I WONDER...
...DID TENCHI REALLY ENJOY THAT MEAL?
!
HUH?
WHERE'D THAT COME FROM, MOM?
YOU'RE TOO POLITE, TENCHI.
YOU ACTUALLY LIKE YOUR MEALS MORE LIGHTLY FLAVORED, BUT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO HURT SASAMI'S FEELINGS.
IS...IS THAT TRUE?
WHAT?

I...I'M SORRY, TENCHI.
I DIDN'T REALIZE...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I DO LIKE YOUR COOKING!
BUT...
YOU'RE SO VERY KIND.
MOM!
YES, YES, I'M SORRY... IT WAS RUDE OF ME TO SPEAK UP.
MY APOLOGIES, SASAMI. IT WASN'T BAD AT ALL. ♡
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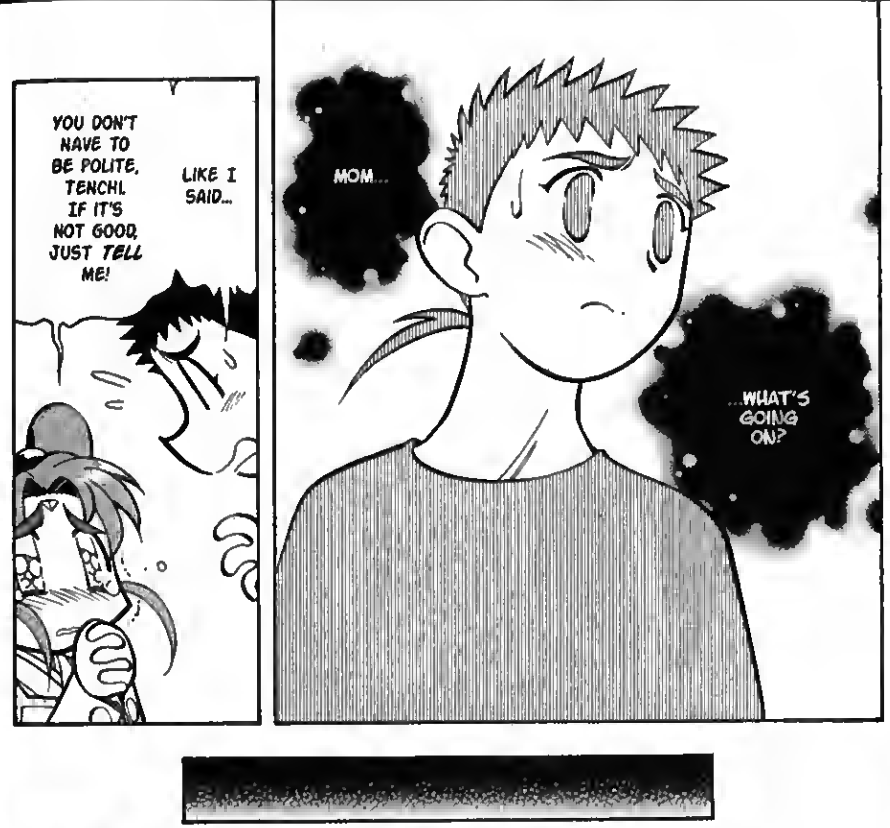
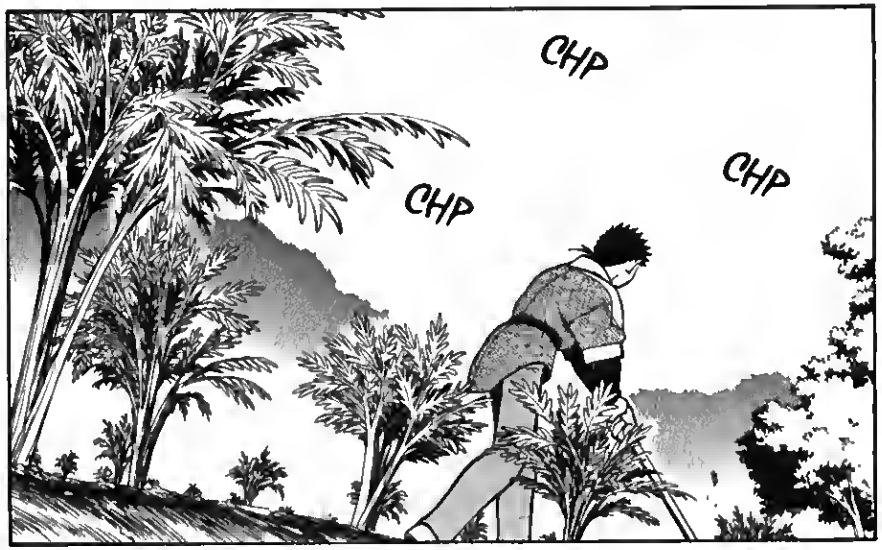

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE POLITE, TENCHI. IF IT'S NOT GOOD, JUST *TELL* ME!
LIKE I SAID...
MOM...
...WHAT'S GOING ON?


CHP
CHP
CHP

TENCHI!
OH, MOM!
THIS CARROT GARDEN IS LOVELY.
DID YOU GROW ALL THIS ON YOUR OWN?
ER... YEAH.
IT'S RYO-OH-KI'S FAVORITE.
I'M GLAD SHE'S BACK TO HER USUAL SELF...

SHING
MAY I DIG SOME, TOO?
HERE GOES...
POK
CARROT
YEAH, OF COURSE.
HEH... YOU THINK SO?
SUCH A FINE CARROT!
LOVELY!
OH, MY!

OH, IT'S SO GOOD... ♡
CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP
MOM?
H-HEY! WAIT!
IT'S RAW!
FWP
WHAP
OW...
HA HA HA
HA HA HA

MOM...
MOM...
MOM! PLEASE STOP!
SHIK
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?
BAM

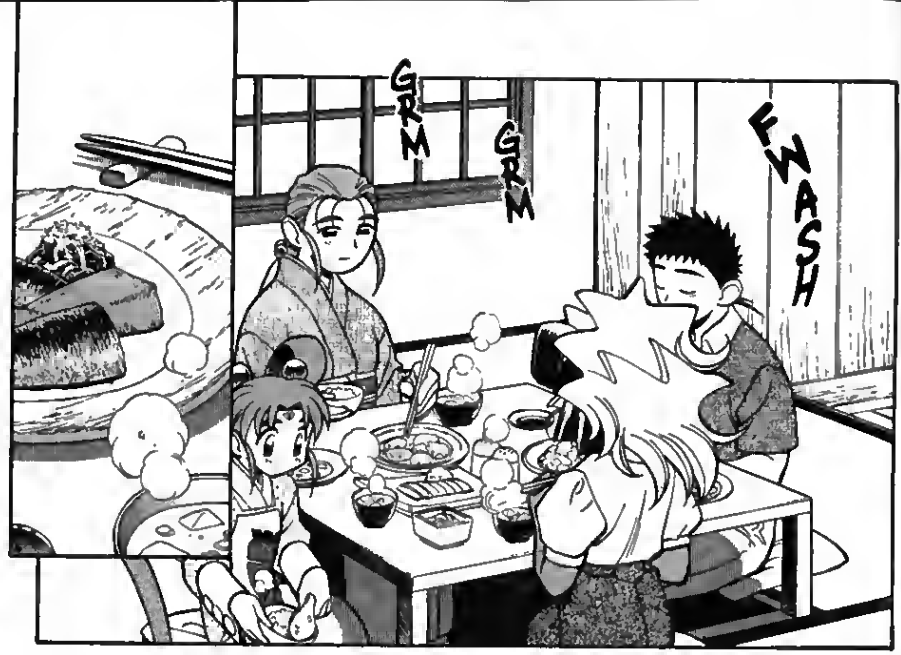
HA HA HA... THERE'S NOTHING WRONG... ♡
M...
MOM?

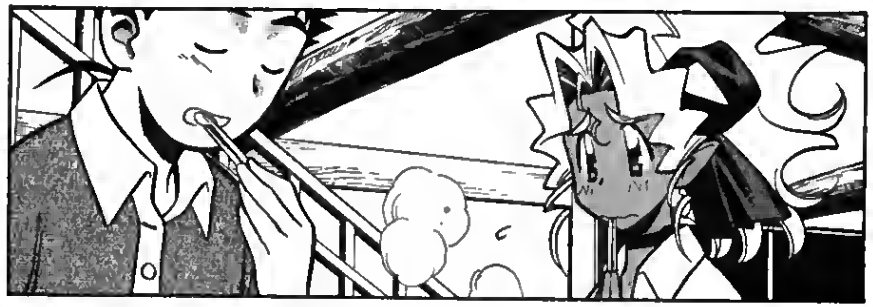
WHAT...
BAH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MOM?
HA HA HA...
I LOVE YOU, TENCHI.
MY PRECIOUS ONLY SON...
HA HA HA HA HA HA
MOM...

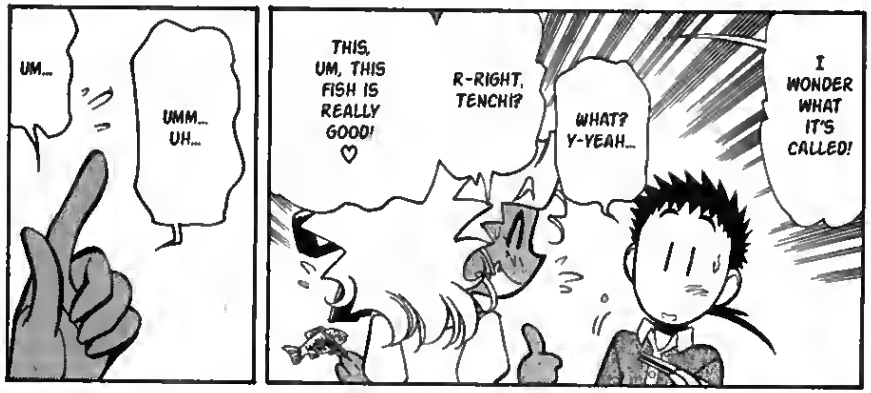
JUST LOOK, MASTER KAGATO.
LOOK AT FACE OF THE ONE WE HATE AS HE SUFFERS.
THAT'S THE MAN WHO'S GUILTY OF LAYING HIS HANDS ON YOU!
T...
TENCHI...

JUST WAIT...

JUST WAIT A LITTLE LONGER...


GRM
GRM
ENASH




UM...
UMM... UH...
THIS, UM, THIS FISH IS REALLY GOOD! ♡
R-RIGHT, TENCHI?
WHAT? Y-YEAH...
I WONDER WHAT IT'S CALLED!

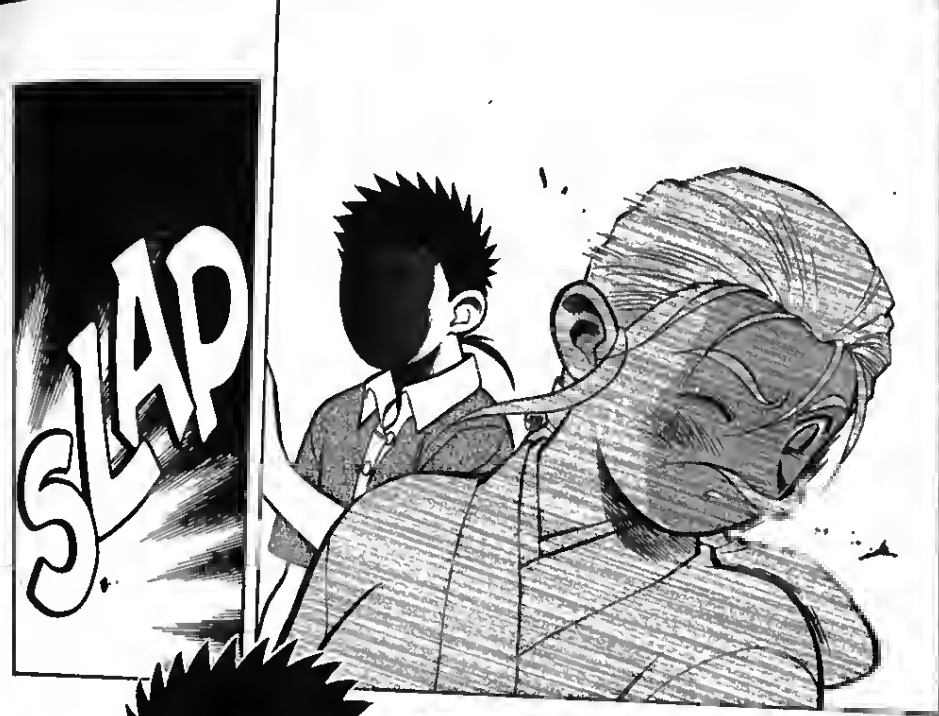
TAK
EEP!
A... AUNTIE KIYONE?
REALLY... ...YOU ARE A FOOLISH THING.

THIS IS DREADFUL.

MOM! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
IS IT REALLY THAT BAD?
I-I'LL MAKE IT OVER AGAIN... PLEASE TELL ME!
WHICH DISH IS BAD?
WHICH DISH?
SLICE
SLICE
OH...
OH...
WILL YOU UNDERSTAND IF I DO THIS?
IT'S EVERYTHING! EVERYTHING!!

GRRK
GRRK
OH! OH, NO...
HA HA HA HA
I THINK THE FOOD WILL BE HAPPIER THIS WAY.

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

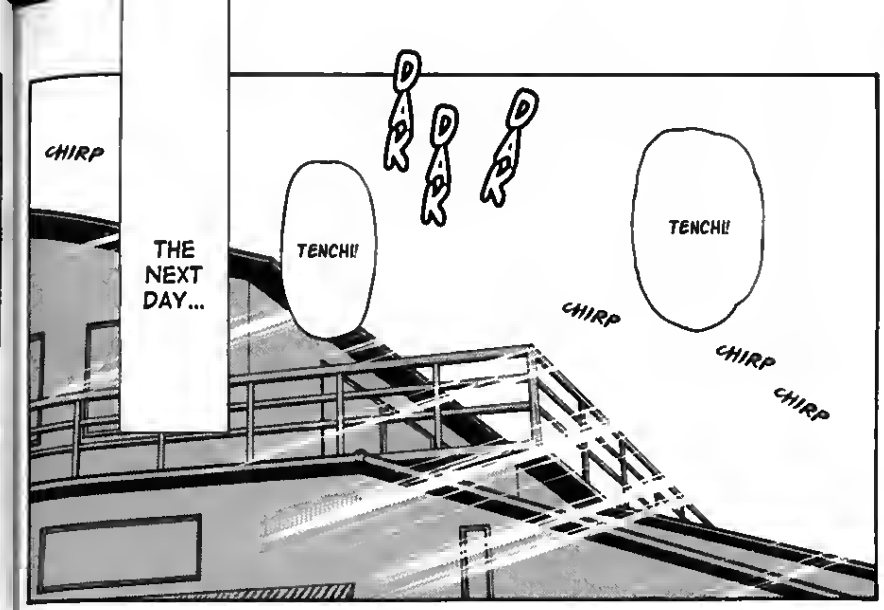

SLAP

TENCHI!

SHK

TAKKA

T...
TENCHI...

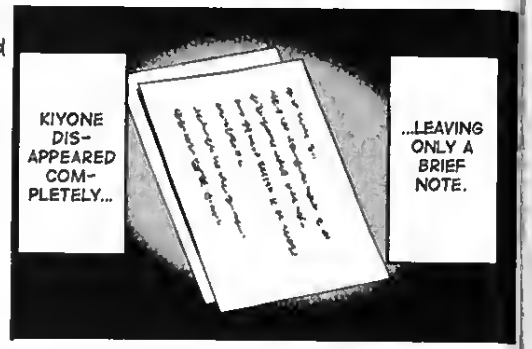

THE NEXT DAY...
CHIRP
TENCHI!
DRDRDR
TENCHI!
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP

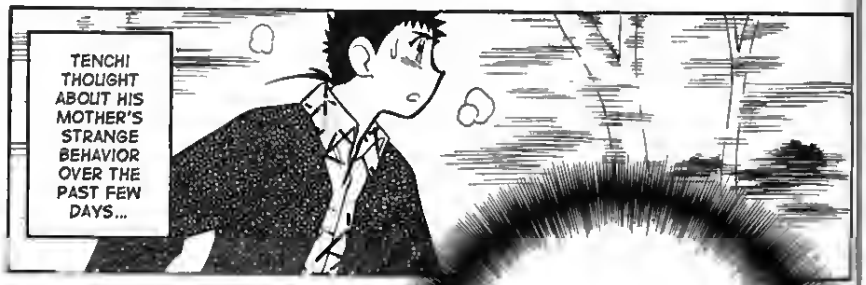
MOM...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SASAMI?
IT'S AUNTIE KIYONE!!

MOM LEFT THE HOUSE?

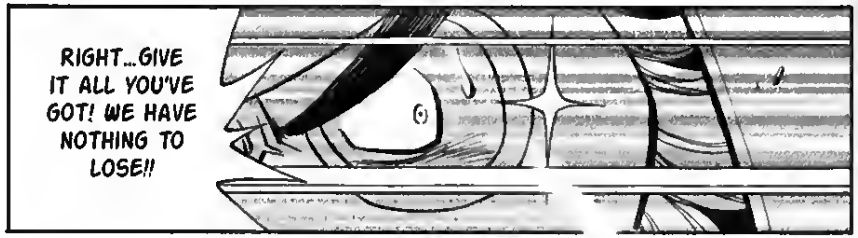
I can't live with a child who would raise his hand to his own mother.





Chapter 2: Blinded

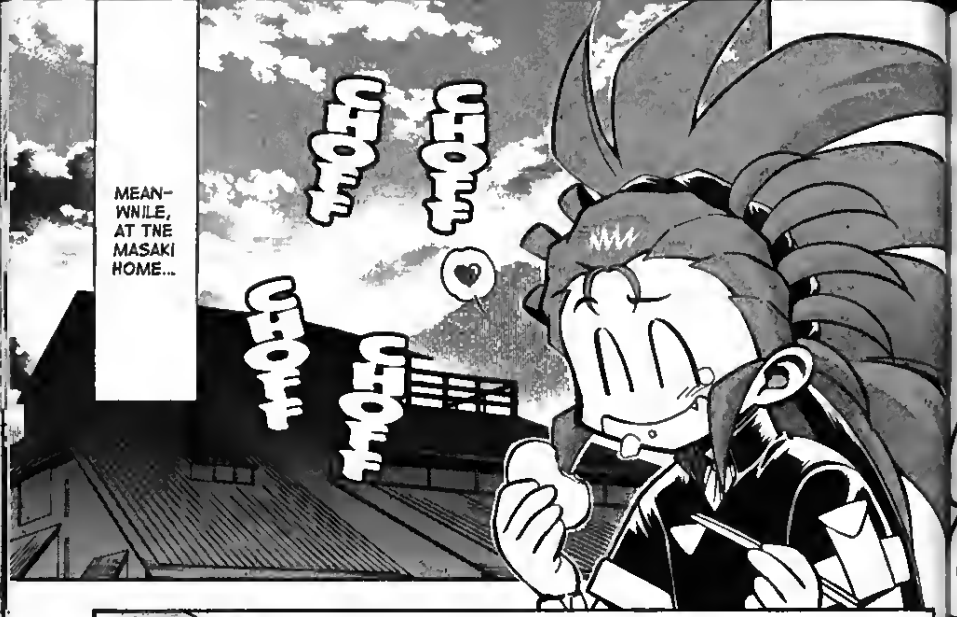
THAT'S RIGHT! WE CAN'T INTIMIOATE HER! SHE'S JUST TOO STRONG FOR US!!
LET'S SURRENDER NOW!
THIS IS WHY I TOLD YOU TO NOT TO ATTACK HER!! WE'RE ALREAOY OFF THE WAHTEO LIST!
CAPTAIN! BAO NEWS!
THE MAIH ACCEL-ERATOR IS COM-PLETELY DOWN!
SH...
SHUT UP!!

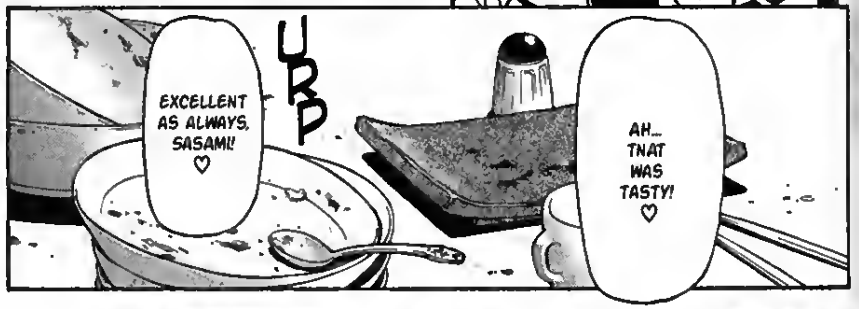

RIGHT...GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT! WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE!!

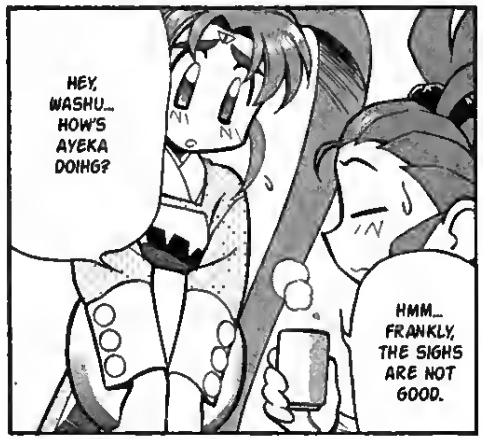
WE'LL GO DOWN TOGETHER!

DOO
I EVEH GAVE YOU TWO WARHIHGS!
YOU ATTACKEO FIRST, BUB.
WARHIHG OHE: I'M VERY IRRITABLE RIGHT NOW!!
WARNING TWO. RUH AWAY HICELY AHO I'LL LET YOU GO!!

YOU CAN REGRET THIS IN HELL!!!

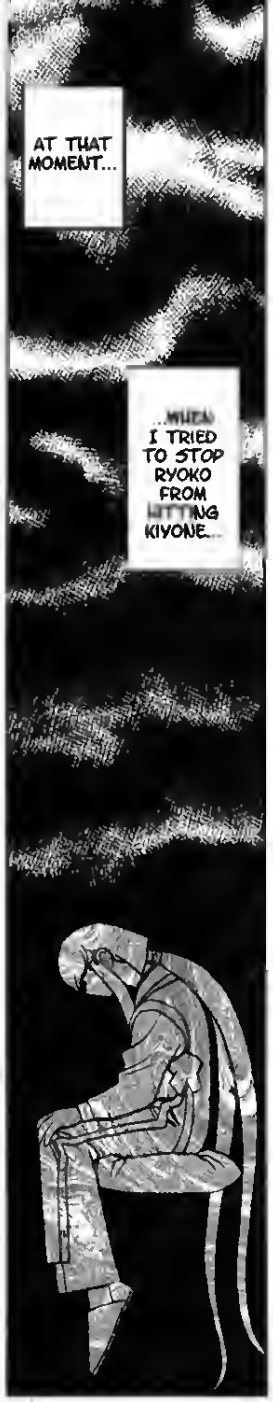

MEAN-WHILE, AT THE MASAKI HOME...
CHOFF
CHOFF
CHOFF
CHOFF


EXCELLENT AS ALWAYS, SASAMI! ♡
URP
AH... THAT WAS TASTY! ♡


HEY, WASHU... HOW'S AYEKA DOING?
HMM... FRANKLY, THE SIGHS ARE NOT GOOD.

ALL I KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED BETWEEN HER AND KIYOHE.

GLOOM...
I'VE TRIED ONE INGENIOUS TREATMENT AFTER ANOTHER, BUT SHE SEEMS UNABLE TO RECOVER FROM THE MENTAL SHOCK.
I WONDER WHY?
SHE'S USE-LESS...



WAS KIYONE RIGHT? WAS I JUST JEALOUS OF ALL THE TIME SHE GOT TO SPEND WITH TENCHI?

WAS THAT THE ONLY REASON I STEPPED IN?

I... I...

HOW CAN...HOW CAN I FACE EVERYBODY... AND TENCHI?

...

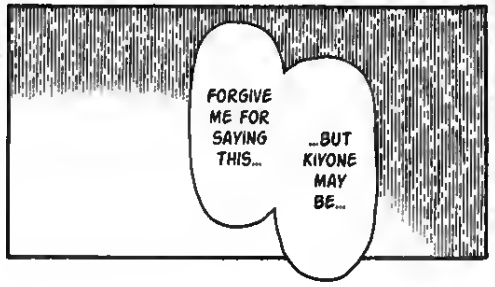
I CAN'T... I SIMPLY CAN'T...

GR...
GRANDPA!

H... HAS MOM COME BY HERE?
HFF
NO, NOT AT ALL.
HFF

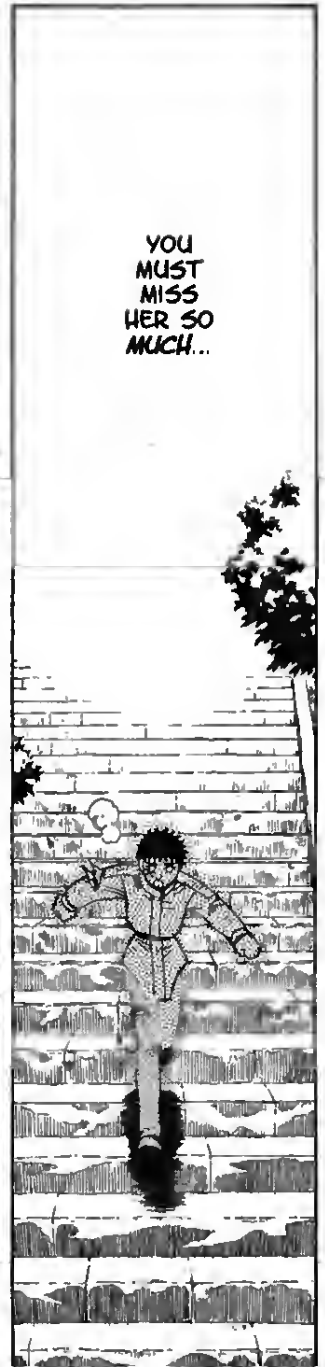
HE RAN THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS TO GET HERE.

TENCHI?


FORGIVE ME FOR SAYING THIS...
...BUT KIYONE MAY BE...

NO, GRANDPA !!

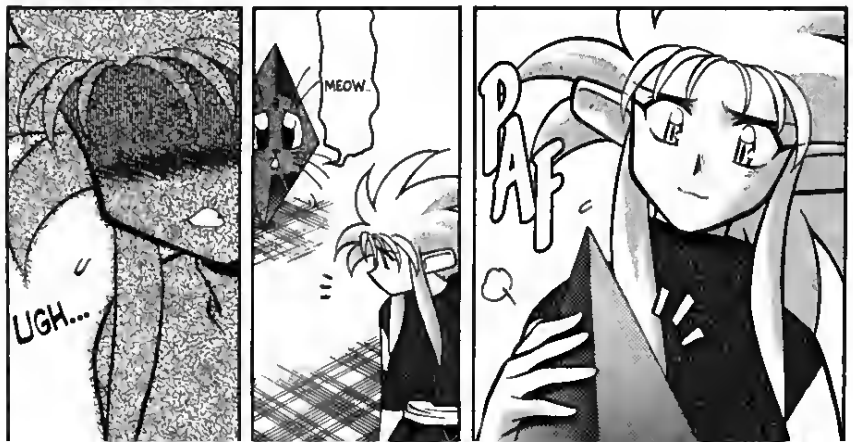
TENCHI...


YOU MUST MISS HER SO MUCH...

WHY, TENCHI?

WHY CAN'T YOU UNDER-STAND...

...SHE'S NOT YOUR MOTHER?



I DON'T CARE...
...ABOUT TENCHI ANYMORE!
IT'LL BE OKAY.
MEW
MEW
MEW
FORGET IT. THIS IS THE LIFE FOR US, HUH?
IT SUITS ME BETTER TO JUST GO WHERE THE WINDS OF SPACE TAKE ME.
LET'S GO, RYO-OH-KI!
MEOW !!

MEW~~~
GA-K
RYO-OH-KI...
MREOW MI YOW!
YEAH, I KNOW.
I KNOW TENCHI WASN'T HIMSELF!
BUT HOW CAN I JUST WALTZ BACK IN THERE?

JUST LEAVE ME ALONE, ALREADY !!

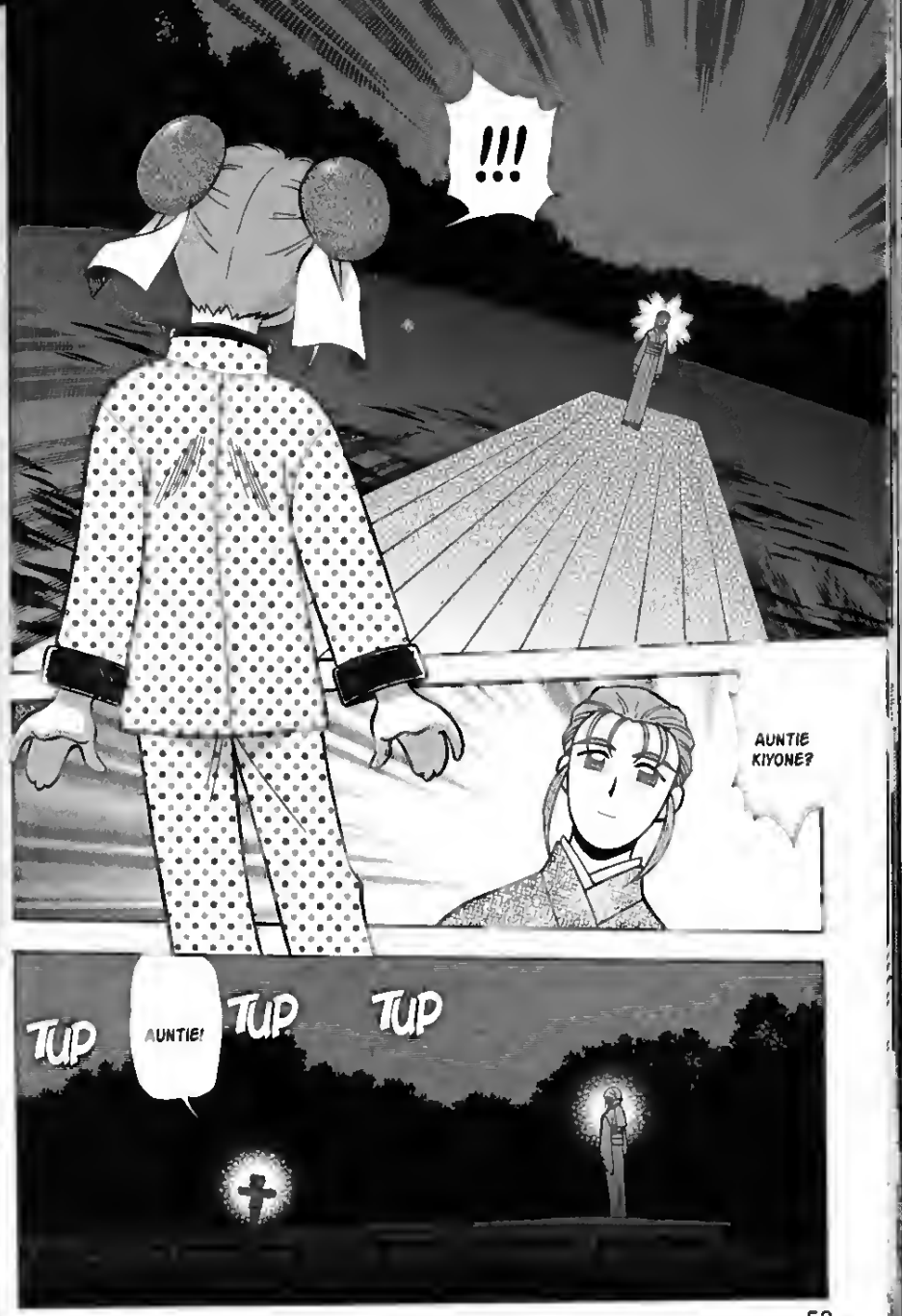
MRR

MRRREOW

MEOW!!
FWA
SH
HEE...
RYO-OH-KI...
YOU...

...
UH...
YOU DOPE...
HMPH...
MEOW!
HUP
VOOM
HEY!
IDIOT! DO WHAT YOU WANT!
GO BACK TO EARTH THEN!

OH!
WHAT WAS THAT?
I HAVE A REALLY BAD FEELING...


!!!
AUNTIE KIYONE?
TUP
AUNTIE!
TUP
TUP

AUNTIE KIYONE! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? WE'VE BEEN WORRIED SICK!
ESPECIALLY TENCHI!
TSU...
ZMMM
TSUNAMI?
GRRR
WHAT

SASAMI!
NO!!!

She isn't the real Kiyone!!!
Don't be fooled!
This woman will cause harm to Tenchi!
BUT... BUT...
...EVEN IF THAT'S TRUE...
...I CAN'T LET YOU MAKE TENCHI SAD!

EVEN...
EVEN IF THAT MEANS I HAVE TO FIGHT YOU!!
Sasami...
FOOM

!!!!
SHING

HA HA HA...
HA...

THAT WAS SPLENDID, MASTER SUZUKA.
SHF...
WOOM
OOOM

CREATE A RIFT BETWEEN SASAMI AND TSUNAMI, WHO ARE THE SAME BEING...
...AND WE CAN USE THAT VERY RIFT TO LOCK THEM UP FOREVER.

I'D PREFER TO DESTROY THEM NOW. HOWEVER, MEDDLING ANY FURTHER WITH TSUNAMI AND A PRINCESS OF JURAI WOULD BRING GALACTIC LAW DOWN UPON US. THAT WOULD BE A BOTHER.
OH, WELL... IT ALL WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN.

GOOD, MASTER SUZUKA.

NOW PLEASE PUT AN END TO TENCHI MASAKI!

WHAP!

BESIDES... LOOKING AT THE FACE OF TENCHI'S MOTHER MAKES ME WANT TO KILL YOU!
GRR
UGH...
KNOW YOUR PLACE! I WILL BE THE ONE TO DECIDE THE TIME OF HIS DEATH!

GO BACK TO TENCHI FOR NOW.
I'LL RETURN WITH MASTER KAGATO.
THEN WE'LL HAVE OUR REVENGE!
YES, MASTER SUZUKA.
I AWAIT YOUR DECISION.

Chapter 3: Frank Advice

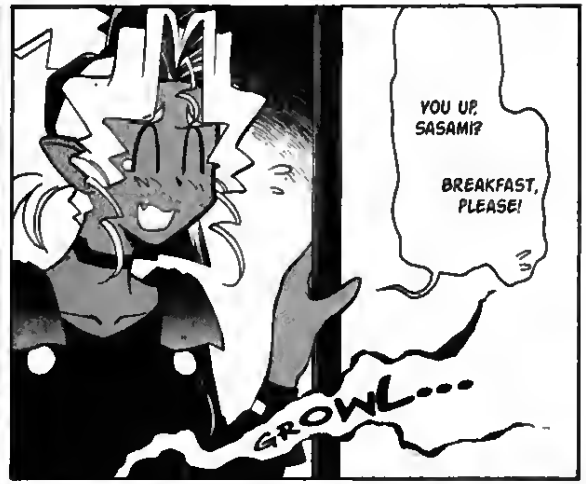
I'm getting a signal from Ryo-Oh-Ki at 2:00. She's moving rapidly toward us!
REALLY? WE DON'T SEE HER IN THIS AREA MUCH.
SO WHAT'S THE MATTER?

Well... something seems to be wrong with her.
WRONG?
Yeah. well...
...it looks like she's crying.
WHAT?

RYOKO, CAN YOU HEAR ME? IT'S MINAGI!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH RYO-OH-KI? SHE'S UPSET.
MEOW?

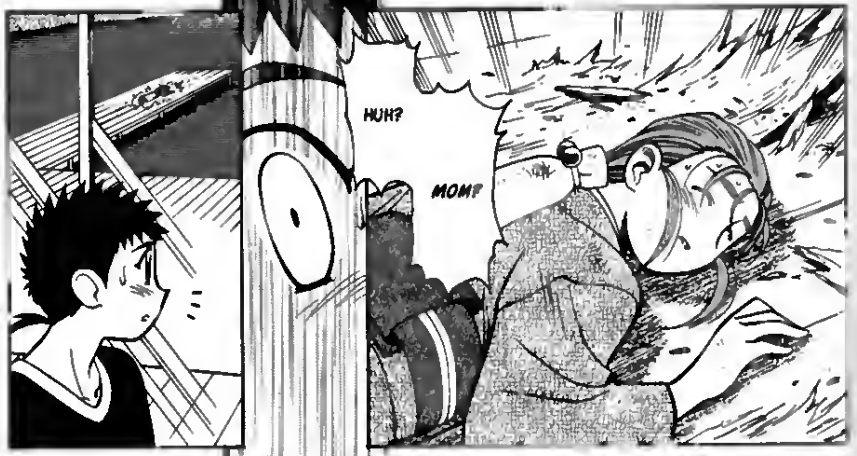
MEYOOW!
RYO-CHAN?

ARRGH...!!
OOH...
I'M SO HUNGRY!


YOU UP, SASAMI?
BREAKFAST, PLEASE!
GROWL...

NOT HERE!
HUH?
WHERE IS SHE?
GROWL

SASAMI!
SASAMI, ANSWER US!
WHERE ARE YOU?
GRRR
OH, I'M SO HUNGRY...?


HUH?
MOM?

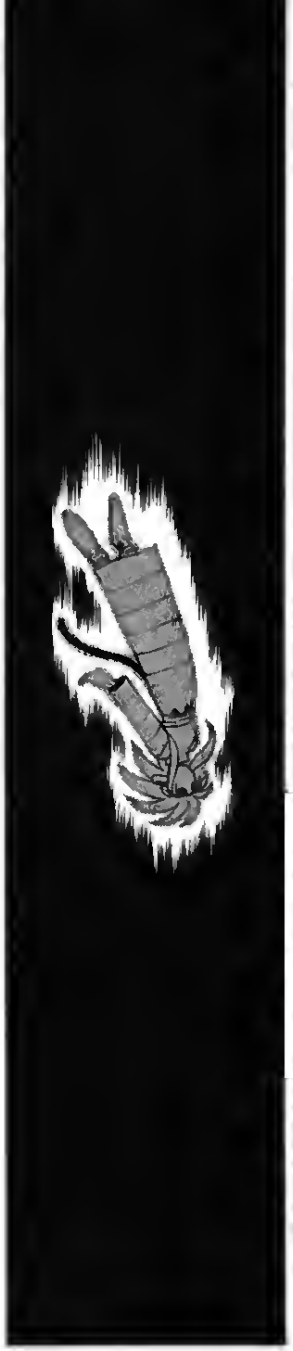
MOM!!
DAK

MOM! MOM!
BAM
A-ARE YOU OKAY?

OH...
T... TENCHI...

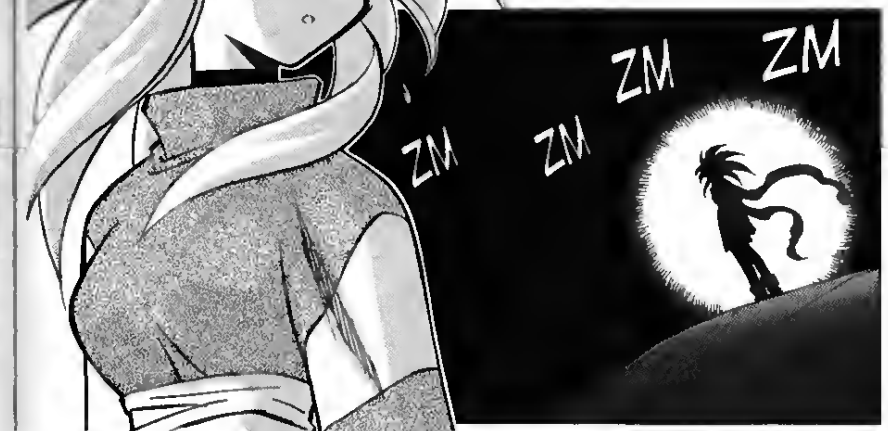
COME ON!
GET ON MY BACK!
TH... THANK YOU...

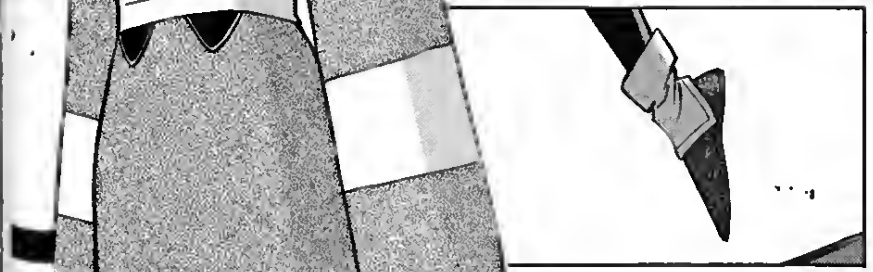
HEH...



DON'T ASK ME WHY..

..BUT I DON'T REALLY CARE ANYMORE...





SHOOM
MINAGI! DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
MEEP...
HEY! WHO'VE YOU GOT THERE?
SHUF

RYOKO...
RYO-OH-KI TOLD ME ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED ON EARTN.
IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU GOT A RAW DEAL.
BUT RUNNING AWAY... THIS ISN'T *LIKE* YOU.
YOU REALIZE TNAT WOMAN ISN'T THE REAL KIYONE, RIGHT?
...
SO WHY ARE YOU DRIFTING AROUND OUT HERE?

RYOKO...
SHUT UP!!!
I DON'T WANT TO BE LECTURED!
GET OUT OF HERE!
NO! I WON'T!
I'M TELLING YOU, GET OUT OF MY WAY!!
WOOM
WOOM
!!
ZA
P
LEAVE ME ALONE, ALREADY!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY FEELINGS?
SHOOM

YOU'RE RIGHT.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING YOU'RE FEELING.
SHE. SHE'S USING RYO-OH-KI TO READ MY MIND...
SORRY, RYO-CHAN...
MEW?
...BUT I'M ABOUT TO GET A LITTLE RECKLESS.
GRRM-
OOF
!!
I CAN'T HELP NOT UNDERSTANDING!
OOM
OOM

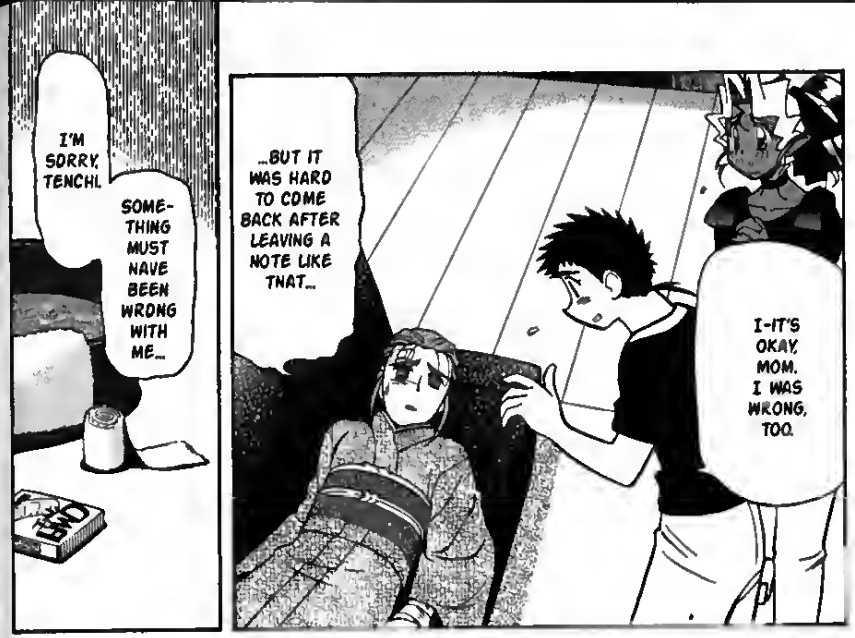
HAH!
SH
ING
WOOSH

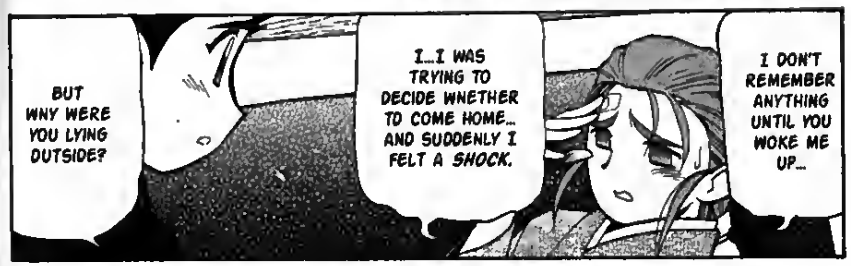
UGH!
B
AM
DO
OM
YO
OP

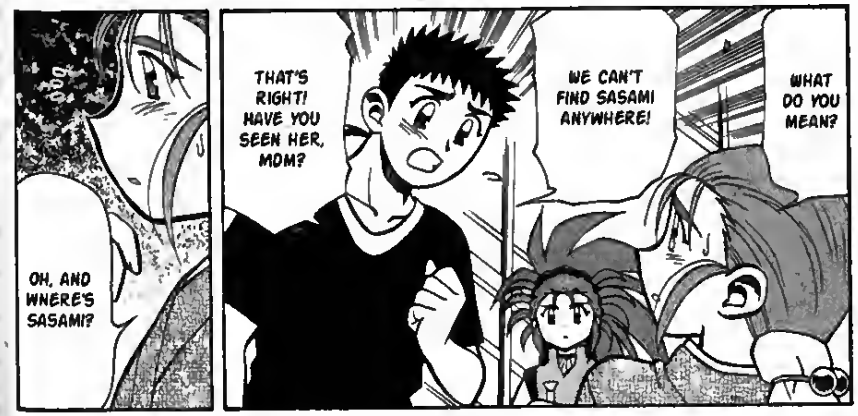
UGH...
Y-YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS!!
SMOOSH
LEAVE ME ALONE, ALREADY!!
YAH!
DA-DOOM

HOW CAN I LEAVE YOU ALONE?
SHE'S PROJECTING HER THOUGHTS INTO ME!
I'VE ALREADY LOST THE ONE I LOVE...
...BUT YOU HAVEN'T LOST YOURS.

PLEASE! DON'T LET GO OF YOUR FEELINGS!!
MINAGI...


I'M SORRY, TENCHI.
SOME-THING MUST NAVE BEEN WRONG WITH ME...
...BUT IT WAS HARD TO COME BACK AFTER LEAVING A NOTE LIKE THAT...
I-IT'S OKAY, MOM. I WAS WRONG, TOO.


BUT WHY WERE YOU LYING OUTSIDE?
I...I WAS TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER TO COME HOME... AND SUDDENLY I FELT A SHOCK.
I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING UNTIL YOU WOKE ME UP...


OH, AND WHERE'S SASAMI?
THAT'S RIGHT! HAVE YOU SEEN HER, MOM?
WE CAN'T FIND SASAMI ANYWHERE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YEAH, WE'RE REALLY IN A BIND! I'M STARVING!
LET'S SAVE THAT FOR LATER, MIHOSHI...
...

OH, NO... NOW SASAMI'S GONE, TOO.

I CAN'T TELL AYEKA... NOT WITH THE CONDITION SHE'S IN...
HUH?

TENCHI...

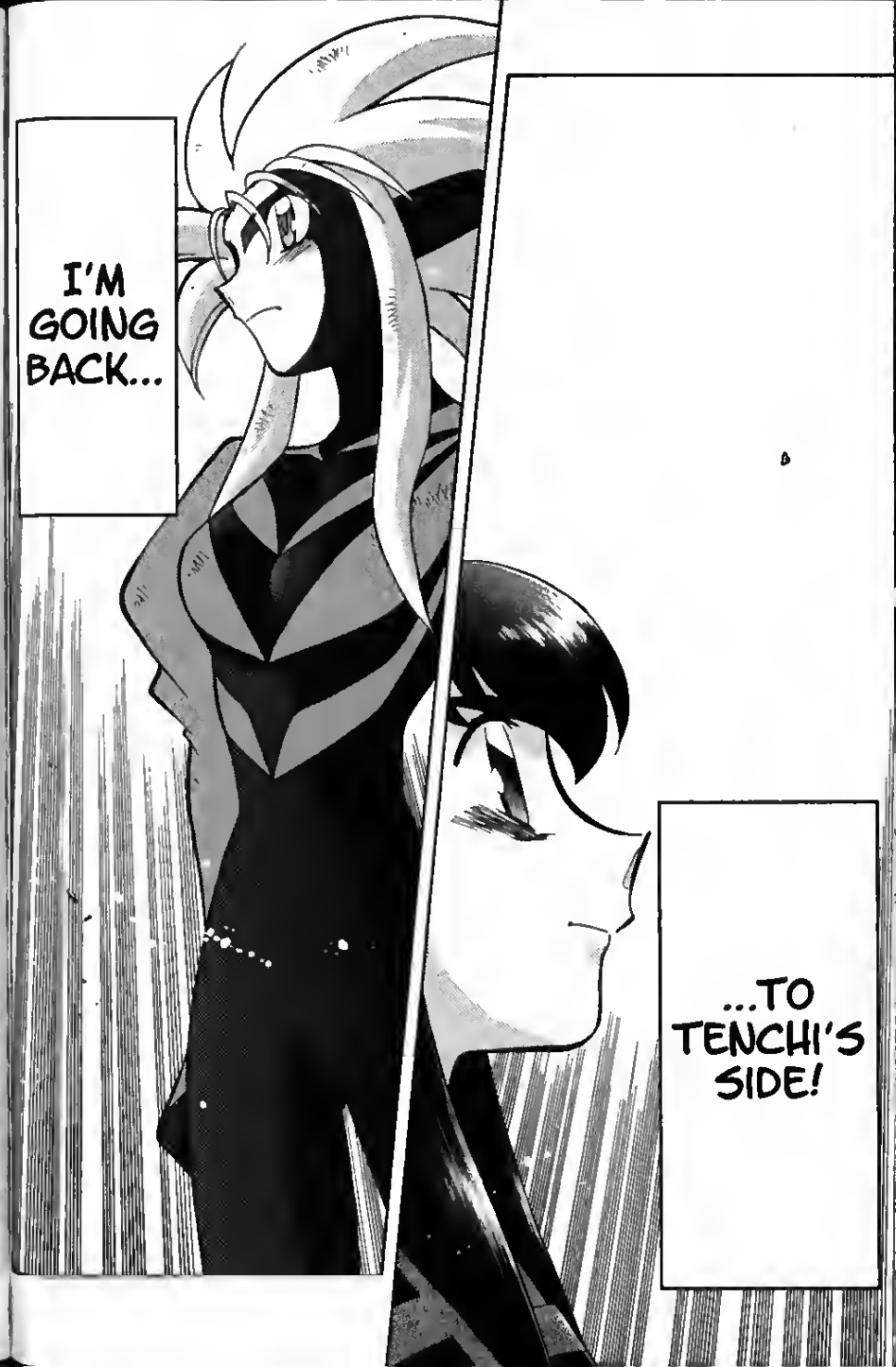
BECAUSE TENCHI SAVED ME THAT DAY, I'M ALIVE TODAY.
THAT TIME, TOO.
AH, YES... AND THAT TIME...
TENCHI HAS ALWAYS PROTECTED US.
TENCHI...

MEW!
MEW...
MEOOW!
RYO-OH-KI...
I'M ALL RIGHT. ♡ DON'T WORRY.
RYOKO...
I'M SORRY, MINAGI...

YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU DIDN'T HANG AROUND YAKAGE BECAUSE YOU WANTED HIM TO *LIKE* YOU.
IT WAS BECAUSE YOU *LOVED* HIM.
IT WAS BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO PROTECT HIM... YOU WANTED HIM TO BE HAPPY.
THAT WAS ENOUGH FOR YOU...

SHF...
THANKS. I FEEL LIKE I'VE GOTTEN SOMETHING OUT OF MY SYSTEM.

HOW COULD I, OF ALL PEOPLE, BE SUCH A COWARD?
I FEARED THAT TENCHI WOULD HATE ME.
BUT I'M NOT AFRAID ANYMORE!


I'M GOING BACK...
...TO TENCHI'S SIDE!

FFT...
FFT...
HA HA HA HA HA! FINALLY THE TIME HAS COME!
I CAN MEET HIM FACE TO FACE!
JUST LOOK, MASTER KAGATO.
WE'VE LOCKED OUR BIGGEST THREAT, TSUNAMI, IN SUBSPACE.
...
HA HA... IT'S SO PECULIAR
FOR ALL MY IM-MEASURABLE HATRED...
...TEARING THEM INTO PIECES STILL ISN'T ENOUGH!

Chapter 4: Scapegoat

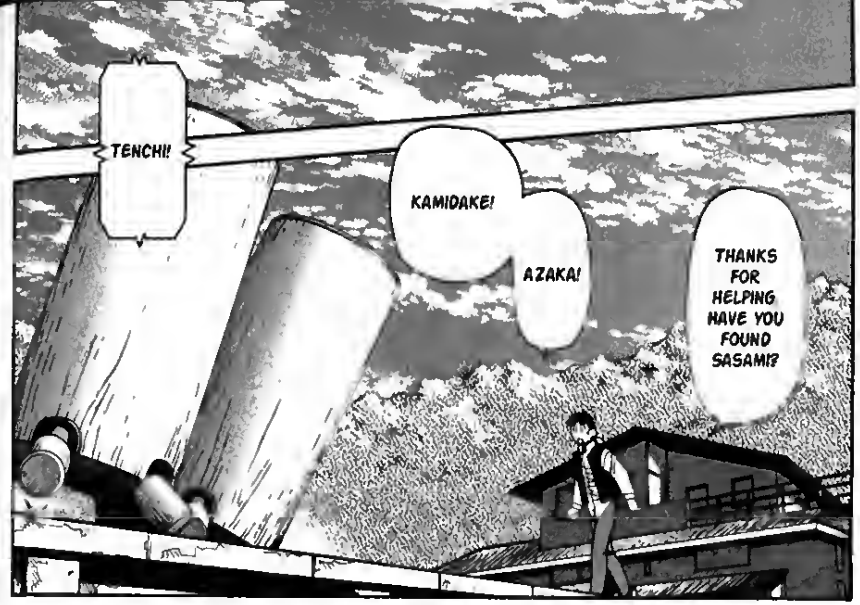
AND YOU DIDN'T SLEEP AT ALL. LOOK!
BAGS UNDER YOUR EYES!
HA HA
OH...
OH, NO!

BUT MAYBE YOU *LIKE* THEM THAT WAY.
IF SO, SORRY! ♪
DON'T TEASE ME!

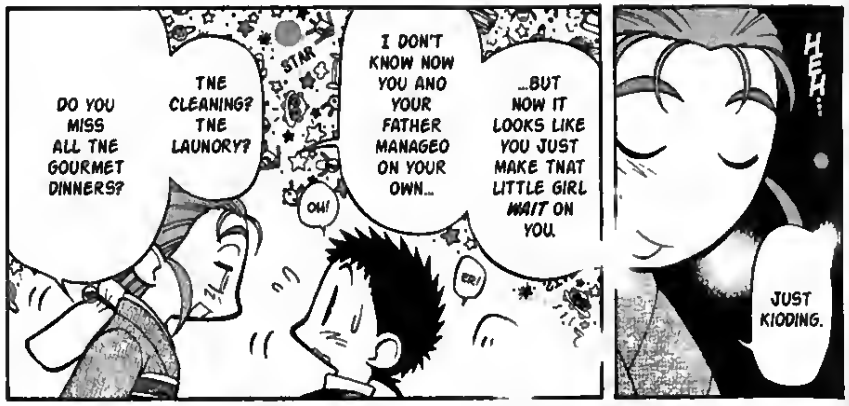
...THAT YOU'VE DECIDED THAT YOU'D COME BACK TO US...TO *TENCHI*.

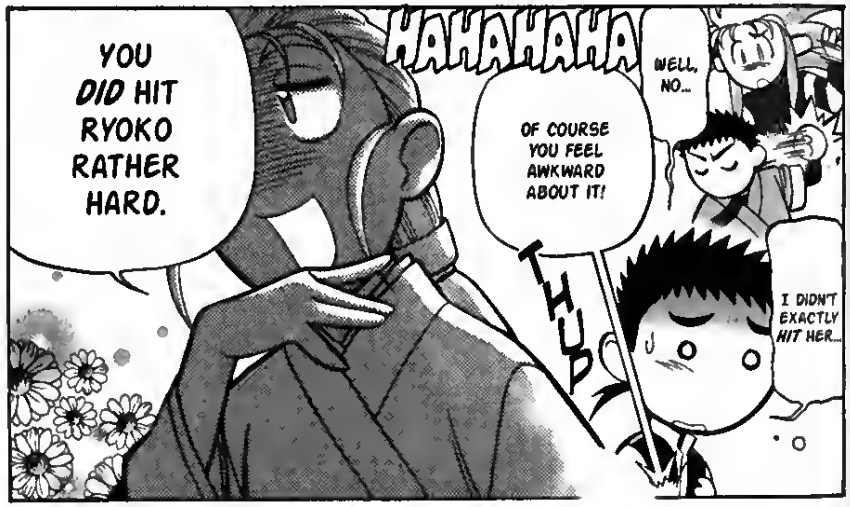
I'M JUST GLAD...

I REALLY AM RELIEVED...
...

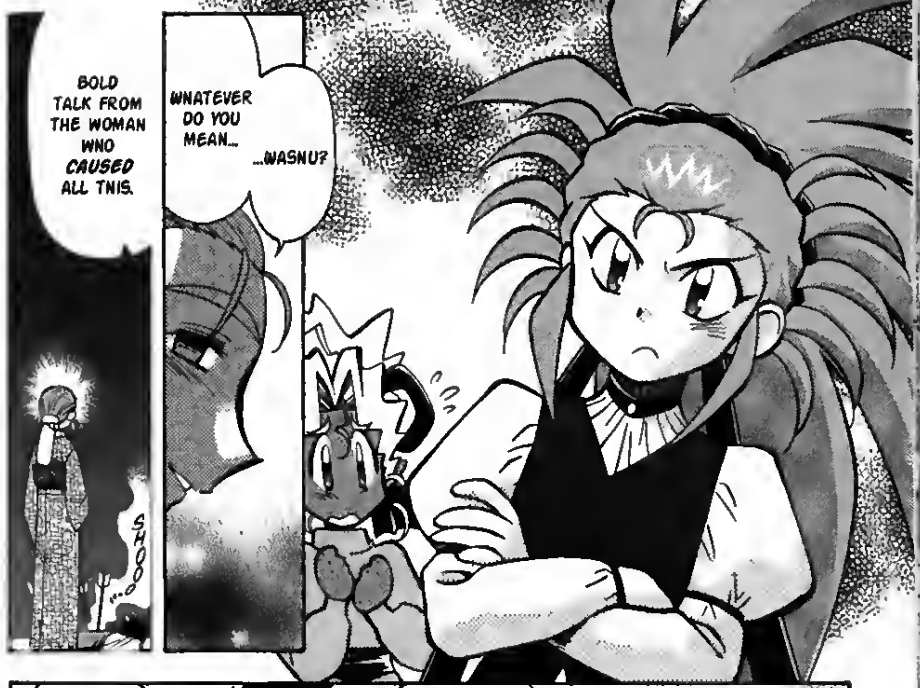

TENCHI!
KAMIDAKE!
AZAKA!
THANKS FOR HELPING HAVE YOU FOUND SASAMI?

WE'RE SORRY. WE USED ALL THE TECHNOLOGY AT OUR DISPOSAL...
OH. I SEE...
TENCHI, MAY I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SASAMI, AND NOT RYOKO OR AYEKA?
W... WELL...


DO YOU MISS ALL THE GOURMET DINNERS?
THE CLEANING? THE LAUNDRY?
STAR
OH!
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU AND YOUR FATHER MANAGED ON YOUR OWN...
...BUT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE YOU JUST MAKE THAT LITTLE GIRL *WAIT* ON YOU.
EH!
HEH...
JUST KIDDING.


YOU *DID* HIT RYOKO RATHER HARD.
HAHAHAHA
OF COURSE YOU FEEL AWKWARD ABOUT IT!
WELL, NO...
I DIDN'T EXACTLY *HIT* HER...
THUD

WHAT WAS IT YOU SAID? "I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU"?
OH, YES! THAT'S GOT TO STING!
THUD
THUD
THUD
OOF!


BOLD TALK FROM THE WOMAN WHO *CAUSED* ALL THIS.
SHOO...
WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN...
...WASNU?

NOTHING SPECIAL. JUST WHAT I SAID.
!
I DON'T CARE WHO YOU *REALLY* ARE.
AND I'VE KEPT QUIET FOR THE SAKE OF TENCHI'S FEELINGS.

BUT I CAN'T LET THIS GO ON ANY FURTHER.
B
B
P

WHO ARE YOU?
THE REAL KIYONE IS DEAD!!
OH...
OH.
OH, DEAR....
OH.
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, WASHU!
TENCHI'S RIGHT HERE!
SHUT UP!!
I'LL PUMMEL YOU!
AHHH!
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
TENCHI, IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP!!
YOU CAN'T TURN YOUR BACK TO REALITY FOREVER!!

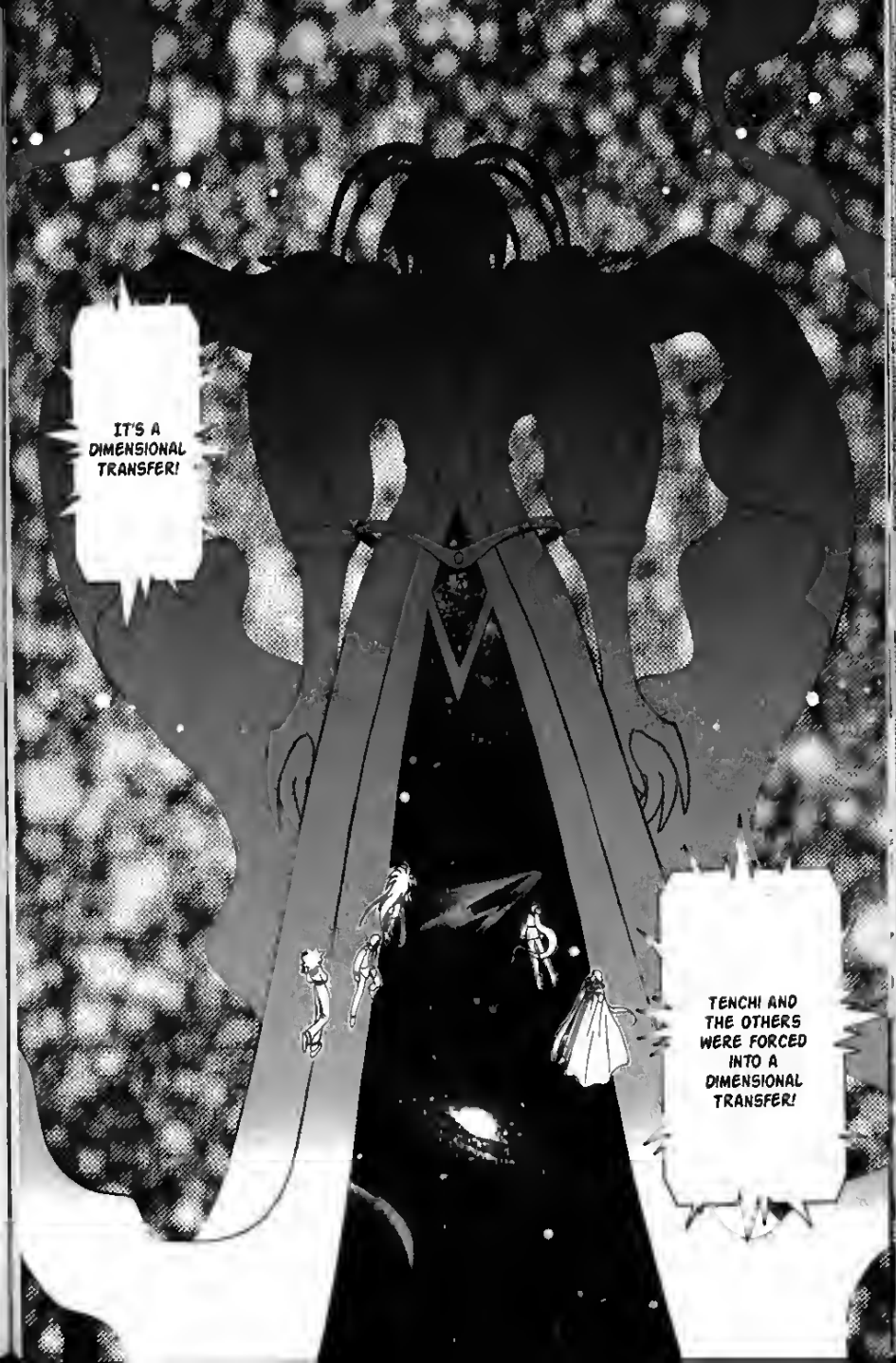
ZYOOO
HOW I'VE WAITED FOR THIS DAY!
THIS IS MY MASTER, SUZUKA!
AND MASTER KAGATO!
M...
MOM?

K... KAGATO?
LOOKS JUST LIKE HIM... BUT NO!
IT'S A CLONE!

THERE'S NO NEED TO LOOK SHOCKED, TENCHI MASAKI.
HER BODY IS THE SAME... AND SO ARE HER MEMORIES.
SHING
YOU'RE NOT THE SHARPEST KNIFE IN THE DRAWER, BUT YOU MUST HAVE SUSPECTED.
THAT'S RIGHT... THIS WOMAN IS YOUR MOTHER'S CLONE.
AAKK
WH...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
M...
MOM!!
MOM!!
MOM!!
T-TENCHI!
WAIT! STOP!
PLSH...
SHA
LET ME GO!
MOM... MOM IS...
AAAAAA
HA HA HA... YES, I FEEL A BIT BETTER NOW...
!
THW
AP

OH...I'M HEALED?
SHOOP
!
JUST AS I SUSPECTED YOU'RE HORRIFIED BY INJURY TO YOUR OWN FAMILY.
HA HA HA HA
WHAT A KIND BOY...
WELL, LET'S MAKE WASHU DISAPPEAR FIRST.
MASTER KAGATO?
SHF...
KA
WAM
COULD IT BE? DOES THE CLONE HAVE THE SAME POWER AS THE ORIGINAL?

POK...
...ST... LOST...
AZAKA... I WAS ABLE TO DETECT A MASSIVE DIMENSIONAL QUAKE JUST BEFORE THE EXPLOSION.
THEY ALL DISAPPEARED IN A FLASH... TENCHI, THE GIRLS...EVEN THE ENEMY...
A "DIMENSIONAL QUAKE"?
NO... IT'S...

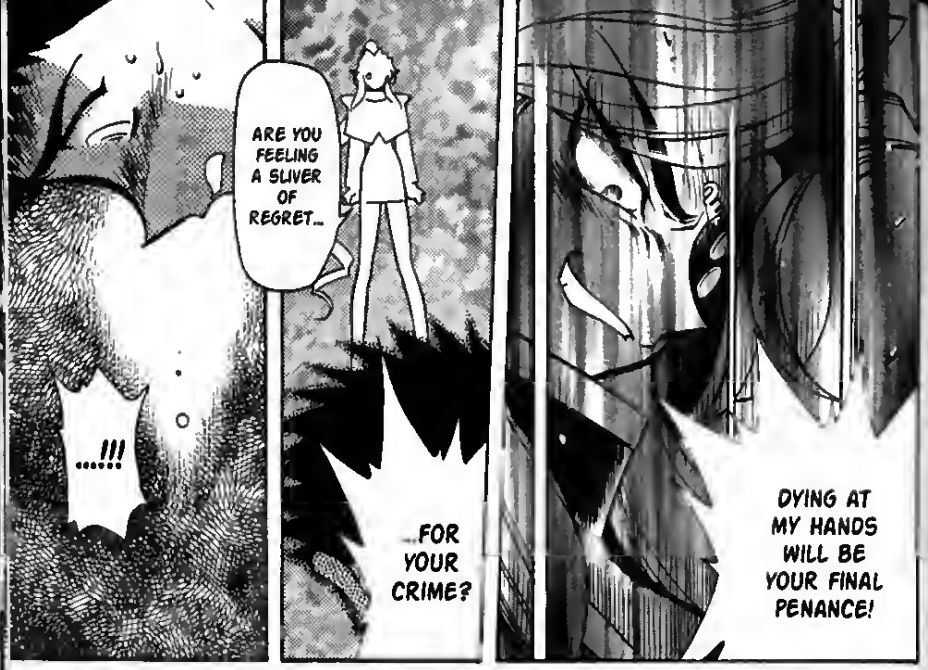

IT'S A DIMENSIONAL TRANSFER!
TENCHI AND THE OTHERS WERE FORCED INTO A DIMENSIONAL TRANSFER!

MY NAME IS TOKIMI.
THIS IS MY WORLD.
YOU MAY NOT LAY HANDS ON TENCHI.
TOKIMI
HUH? WHO IS THIS PERSON?
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO INTERFERE.
SO SHE, TOO, THINKS TENCHI MAY BE THE ONE TO SURPASS US ALL...
TOKIMI. ONE OF THE 3 GOD-DESSES.
HA...SHE'S DESCENDED MUCH SOONER THAN EXPECTED...

*TOKIMI: ONE OF THE THREE GODDESSES — A HYPER-DIMENSIONAL ENTITY WHO TRAVELS THE TENTH DIMENSIONAL SPACE.

GAH
I CAN EASILY DESTROY HER WITHOUT HARMING HIM!
AH...
FWA
SH
SHUUU...
TENCHI?
DID HE BLOCK THAT ATTACK?
BRRR...
THAT'S THE POWER OF THE LIGHT HAWK WINGS!
WHY?
SHI
!

WHY ARE YOU USING MY MOTHER TO ATTACK US? WHY MAKE US YOUR ENEMIES?
OH, I'M SURE YOU THINK OF YOURSELF AS THE HERO WHO DEFEATED THE TERRIBLE VILLAIN.
THAT'S RIGHT!
DO YOU REMEMBER NOW?
I CAN NEVER FORGIVE SOMEONE LIKE YOU!
YOU HAVE NO CONSCIENCE, NO CONCEPT THAT YOU MURDERED HIM!
YOU ONLY CARE ABOUT YOUR FALSE "JUSTICE"!
I'LL KILL YOU WITH MY OWN HANDS!!
WHY, YOU ASK?
GRR...
TAKE THIS TO HEART!!
TENCHI MASAKI, YOU KILLED MY DEAR MASTER KAGATO!!!

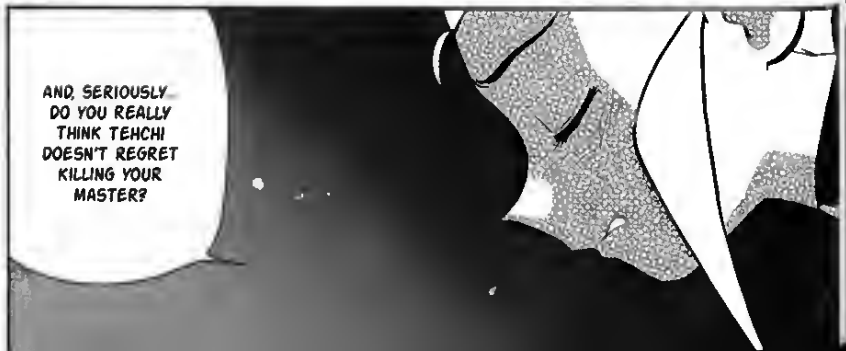


THAT'S NOT TRUE!!!

TENCHI FOUGHT TO PROTECT THOSE HE CAREO FOR!
HE WASN'T JUST OUT FOR CHEAP REVENGE!
HE ONLY KILLED KAGATO AS A LAST RESORT!
THERE'S NO COMPARISON BETWEEN YOU!!

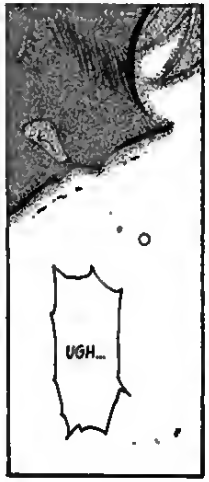
WHAT?
WH...
YOU...

AND WHAT IF YOU DO KILL HIM?
YOU'LL JUST BECOME THE TARGET FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF HATRED AND REVENGE!
WE HAVE TO END THIS CYCLE NOW!


AND, SERIOUSLY... DO YOU REALLY THINK TENCHI DOESN'T REGRET KILLING YOUR MASTER?

LOOK AT HIM!
BAH

DOES THIS LOOK LIKE A MONSTER WITH NO SENSE OF GUILT?
TENCHI HAS NEVER FORGOTTEN THAT HE KILLED SOMEONE!
HE'S SWALLOWED THAT SIN, AND HE HAS TO LIVE WITH IT!


UGH...

HAVE YOU SAID YOUR PIECE?

I'M SICK OF YOUR PRETTY WORDS!
YOU THINK A LITTLE DIME-STORE LOGIC WILL CHANGE MY MIND?
UH... UHH!
SHING
LOOK!
KIYONE IS GRABBING TENCHI'S HEART!

B-
DMP

HA HA HA... YOU'RE SO CUTE, TENCHI!... ♡
B-DMP
UHH...
B-DMP

POK
WHAT?
SOME-ONE'S COMING!
VMM
VMM
VMM

IMPOSSIBLE!
WHO DARES ENTER MY WORLD?

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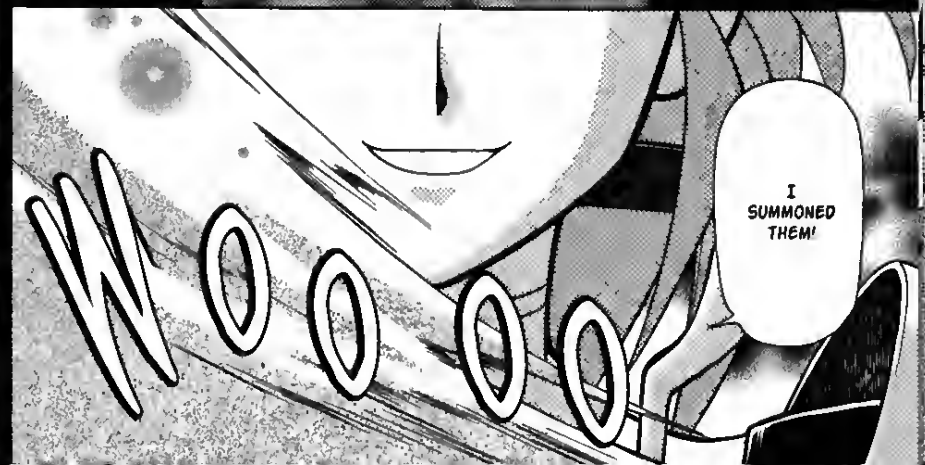

I SEE...SO WASHU IS ONE OF THE THREE GREAT GODDESSES.
!
RYOKO... AYEKA....
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T ABANDON TEHCHI.
HA! RYOKO DOESN'T JUST RUN AWAY!
ER...
I THINK I'M CAUGHT UP IN EVENTS...
...BUT WHY DO YOU LOOK LIKE THAT, WASHU?
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OLDER SISTER... YOU'VE FINALLY AWAKENED.
IS THIS BOY THE ANSWER YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR, THE REASON YOU CHOSE TO TAKE HUMAN FORM?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE DETAILS.
OKAY
MORE IMPORTANTLY, AYEKA, DO YOU WANT TO FALL BEHIND RYOKO?
HUH?
WHY, YOU...
LET GO OF TENCHI!
FOOL! IF YOU KILL THAT WOMAN, TENCHI WILL DIE, TOO!!
HUH?
GRR

YOU'D BETTER NOT BE BLUFFING!
SHUU...
IT'S NOT A LIE. KIYONE'S HAND HAS MERGED WITH TENCHI'S HEART.
IF YOU KILL ME, THE RESULT WILL BE THE SAME. WE'RE LINKED.
BUT IF THAT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU, GO AHEAD AND KILL HER.
YOU... YOU...
HA...
YOU MADE A FOOL OF MASTER KAGATO.
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU BETRAYED HIM AND SIDED WITH TENCHI MASAKI!
SO BE IT! YOU'RE GUILTY OF THE SAME CRIME!
RRRR...
KAGATO...EVEN IF YOU'RE JUST A CLONE, HOW CAN YOU LOWER YOURSELF TO BE THAT WOMAN'S SLAVE?
!
...
VP
KIYONE...
...KILL THE TRAITOR!
HEH...

VMM
DOOM
DOOM
HEY!
WOW...
SUCH ENERGY! THANK YOU, TENCHI!
GRRRM
I'M SO LUCKY!
HYUUUU
VMM
VMM
OH, NO!
DOOM
BA
DOOM
ENOUGH! I CANNOT ALLOW ANY MORE VIOLENCE IN MY DOMAIN!
SHOOOM
GRK

WAIT, TOKIMI.
SISTER, WHY DO YOU STOP ME?
RYOKO IS YOUR OWN DAUGHTER!
THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE IN HER.
LEAVE IT TO THEM.
ST...
STOP...!
MO... THER...
FOOL!
AFTER ALL THIS, YOU STILL THINK I'M YOUR MOTHER?

...
!
TENCHI...
DRAT...
DRAT, DRAT, DRAT, DRAT, DRAT!
AT THIS RATE, WE'RE GOING TO LOSE!
WHAT CAN I DO?
!!
I'VE GOT TO TAKE A CHANCE!
AAAAA
WOOSH
SHE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THE HOSTAGE?
DK DK DK DK DK
HUH?
RYOKO !!

CHK
DAT
!?
WH...
OOM
TH
I SEE... SHE'S MERGING WITH TENCHI!
AND THEN...
!!
HUK

RYOKO...
...YOU TOOK TENCHI'S PLACE!
T-TENCHI!
ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU'RE BLEEDING!
RYO..
RYO..KO...
UGH!
YOU'RE IN THE WAY!
KIYONE! CRUSH THAT WOMAN'S HEART!!
AS YOU WISH!
SKSH
AHH!

!
OH...
I SEE...
SO THAT'S WHERE THEY ARE!

ZM MM
AA AA AA
USH...
WASHU...
...YOU KNEW?

I'M QUITE IMPRESSED WITH YOUR SCIENTIFIC GENIUS.
IF I WERE STILL HUMAN, I WOULDN'T HAVE WORKED IT OUT.
SHUUU
SAVING IT AS YOUR TRUMP CARD, EH? TOO BAD...
AHHH...
VMMM
RYO...
RYO... KO...
TENCHI...
Y... YOU...
!!
MASTER SUZUKA!
KRUNCH
AAAAA
KRK
KRK
KRK
HOW DARE YOU ATTACK MY MASTER?
HOW DARE YOU?
AUGH!
AT LEAST I CAN KILL YOUR DAUGHTER!

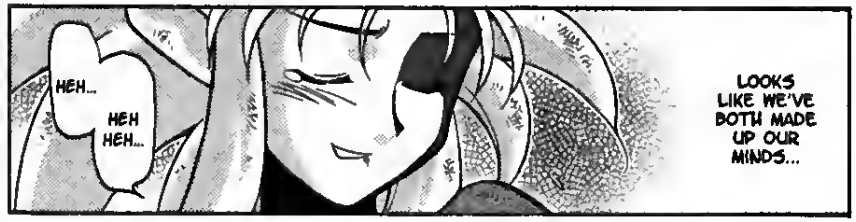
TENCHI...
I'M SORRY...
!

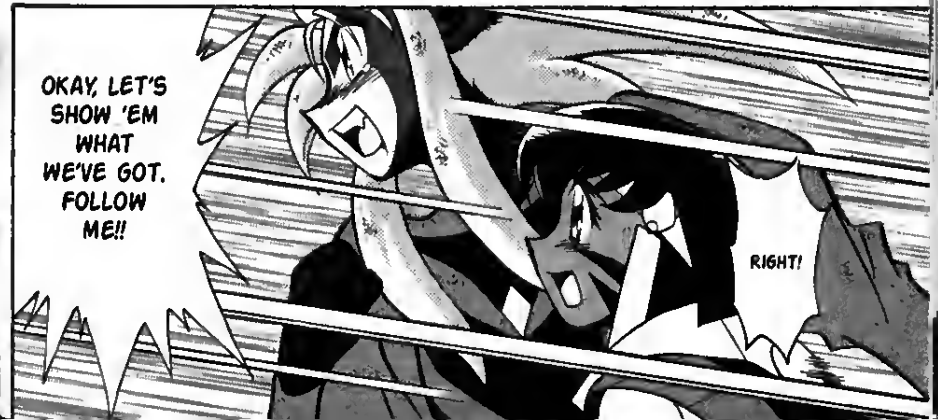
SO KIND...
SHE WAS SO MUCH BETTER...
HIS REAL MOTHER WOULDN'T TORTURE HIM LIKE THIS.
I DON'T CARE IF TENCHI HATES ME.
AS LONG AS TENCHI LIVES, I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT. THAT'S ALL I WANT!
HATE ME IF YOU WANT.
BUT...
...THAT'S NOT YOUR MOTHER!
TENCHI... I'M GOING TO KILL THAT WOMAN!

RYOKO...
GO AWAY!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU!
AFTER EVERY-THING I SAID...
RYO...
AHHHHHH
RYOKO!!

WUP
FOOL!
WOOM
!!
GRR
!?
GRRR
HUP...
AAA
AAA
WHEN YOU PARTED FROM ME, YOU LEFT AN IMPRINT BEHIND!
HAHAHAHA
MUST BE PAINFUL, EH?
HA HA
RYOKO!!
!
RRG
WASHU, PLEASE LOOK AFTER TENCHI.
TAK

ARRGH... COME ON, FIGHT THROUGH THE PAIN...
GRP
AYEKA!
WH..
RYOKO...
...IF TENCHI HATES YOU FOR THIS, HE CAN HATE ME, TOO.


HEH...
HEH HEH...
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE BOTH MADE UP OUR MINDS...


OKAY, LET'S SHOW 'EM WHAT WE'VE GOT. FOLLOW ME!!
RIGHT!

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!
WITH THE ENERGY I STOLE FROM THAT BOY, I'LL DISINTEGRATE YOU!
HA...
HA HA HA...
FOOLS!
HA
HA

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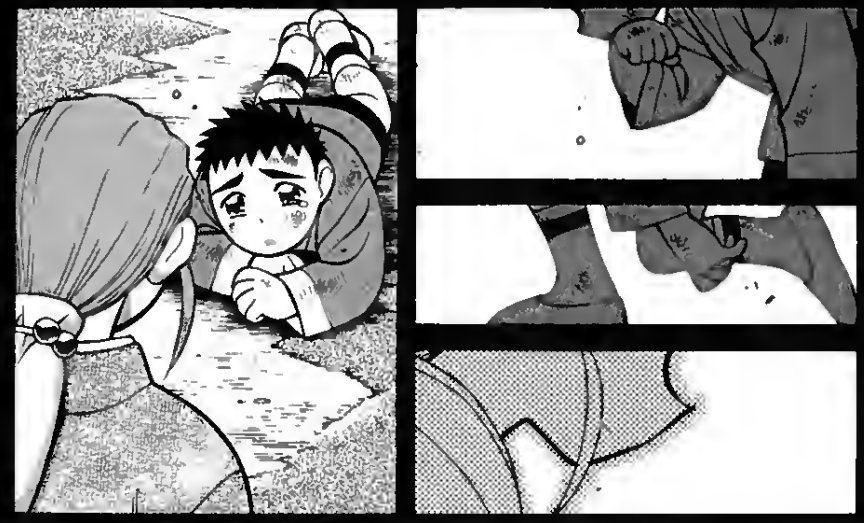

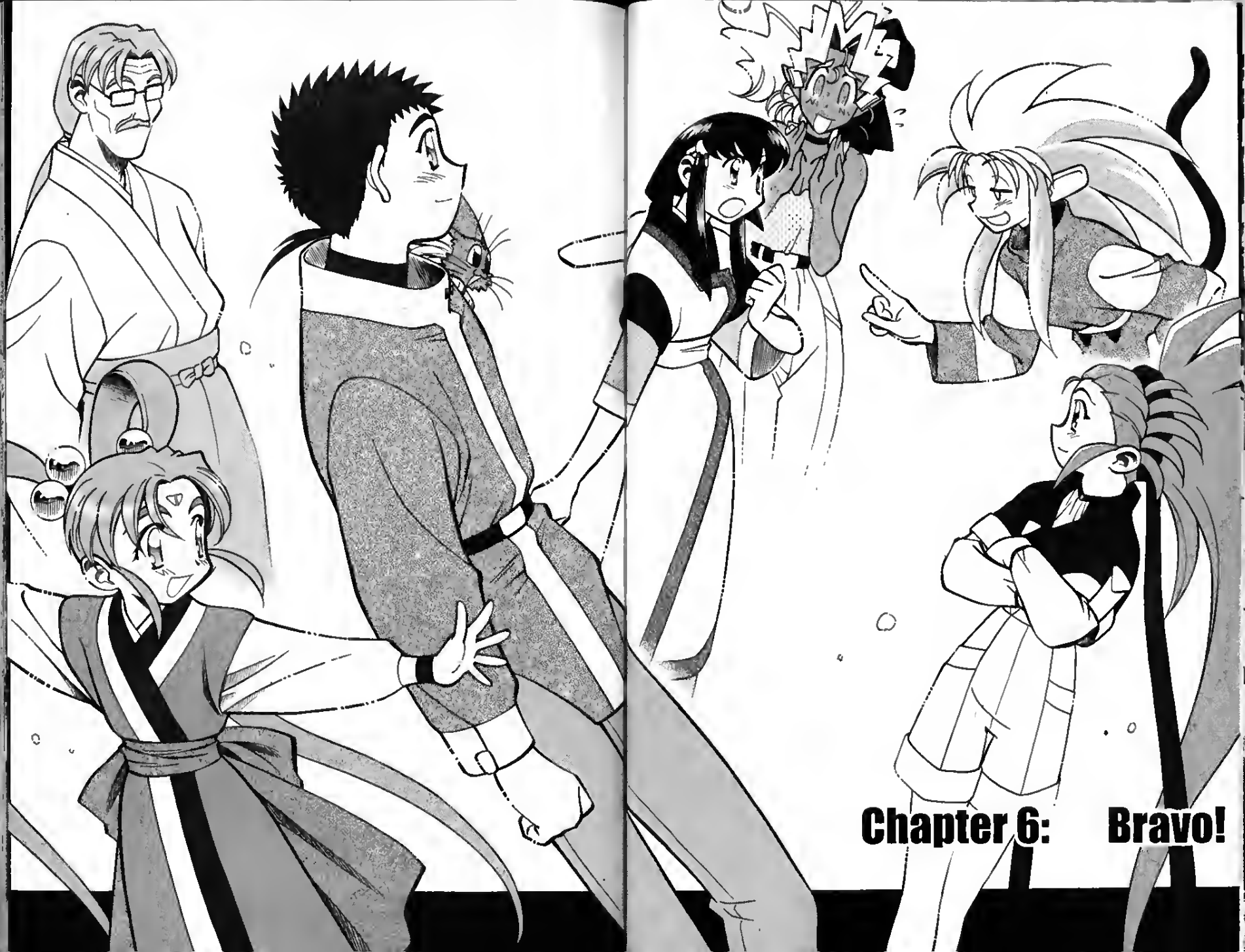

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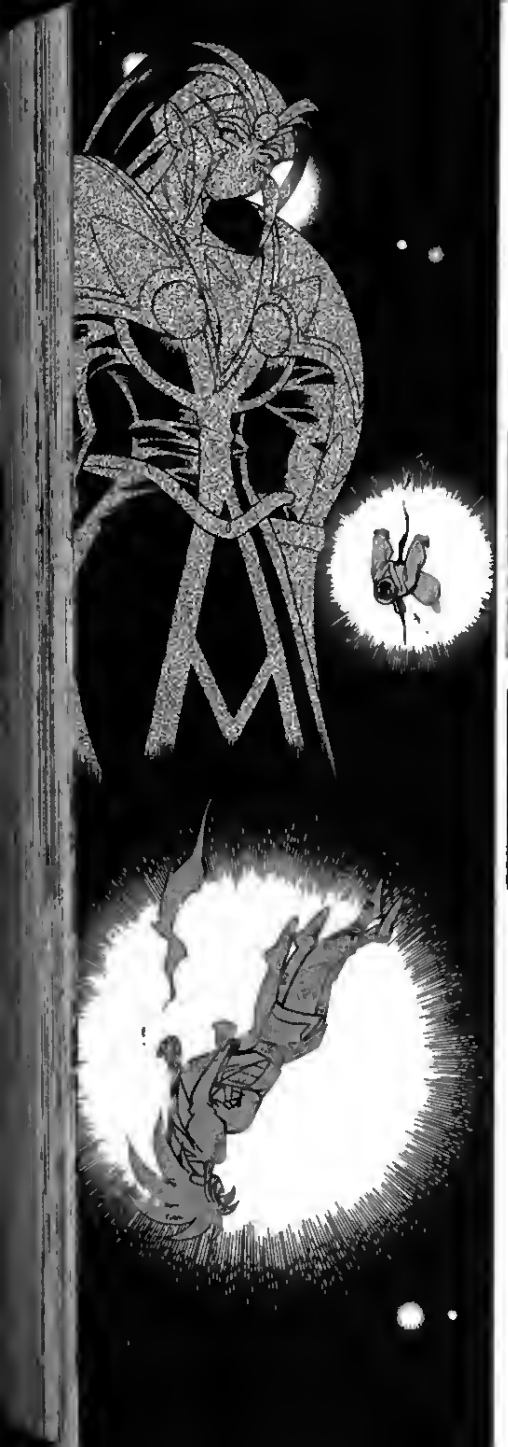
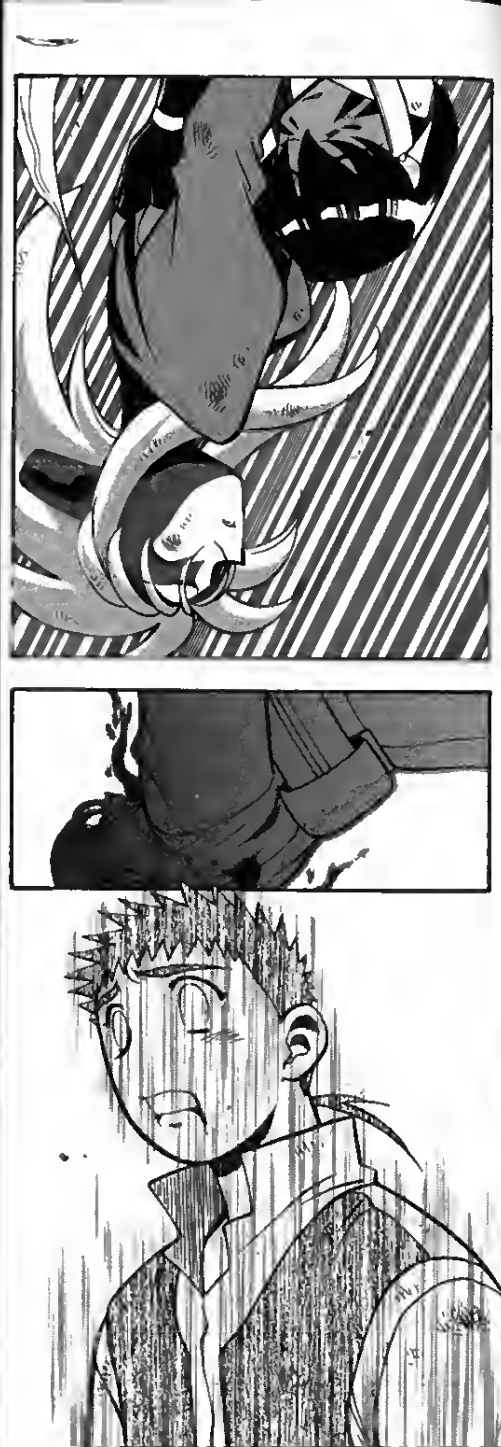




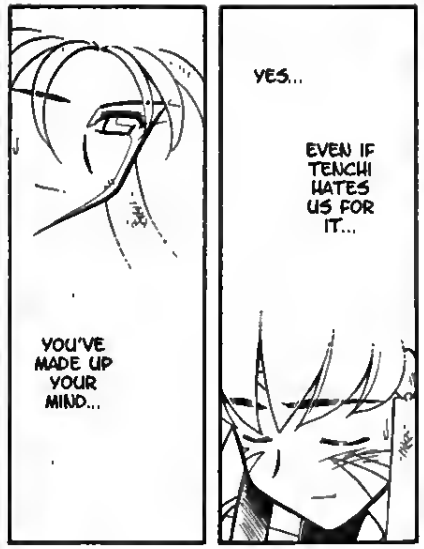
UGH!
AHHHH!
VMMM

SUZUKA...
...YOUR EXPERIMENT HAS BACKFIRED.
AHHH!
AH!
ARRGH!

UGH!
HFF
HFF
UGH!
HFF
HFF
WE...
WE DID IT...

HA...
YOU'RE A MESS, PRINCESS.
I'M LOOKING BETTER'N YOU...

HA...

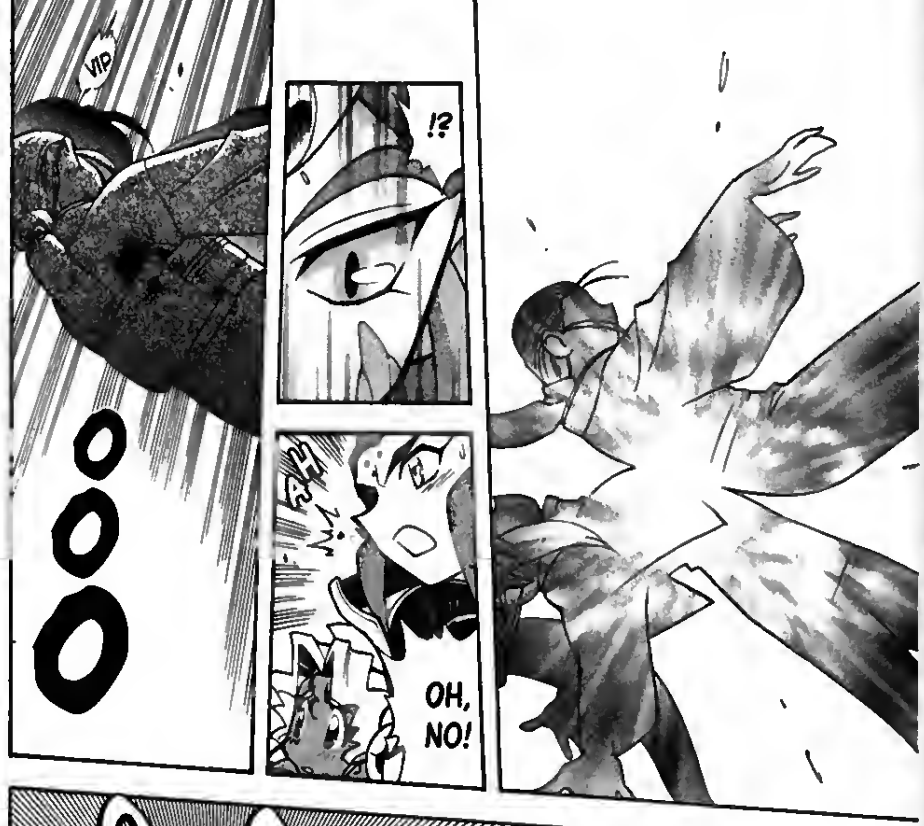

YOU'VE MADE UP YOUR MIND...
YES...
EVEN IF TENCHI HATES US FOR IT...

AS LONG...
...AS TENCHI LIVES...

UGH...

SHING
GRRR
UGH!
I...I WON'T LET IT END HERE!!

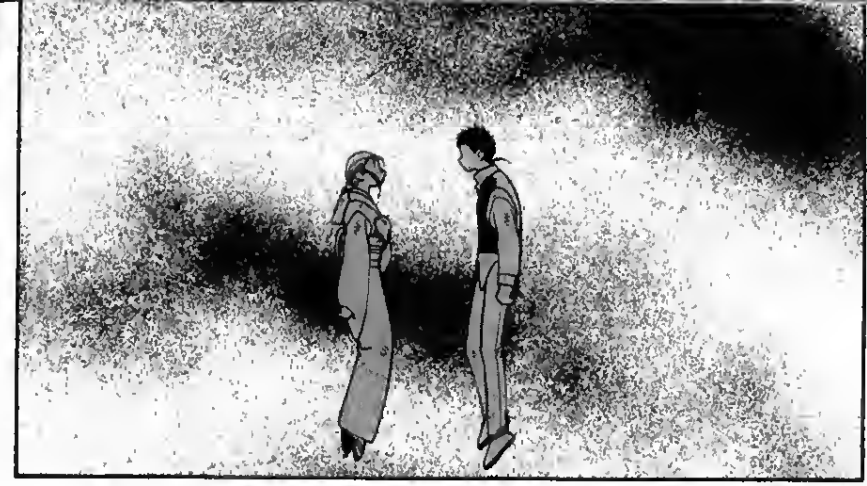
I HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN REVENGE FOR MASTER KAGATO!
COME !!!
VOOM


VIP
!?
OH, NO!

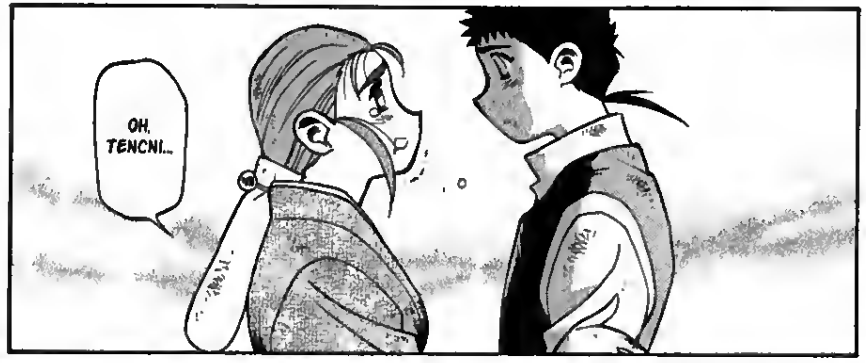
VOOOM

...
YES! THE FUSION WAS A SUCCESS! JUST AS I THOUGHT... THERE'S PLENTY OF ENERGY LEFT IN THIS BODY!
AND YOU CAN'T RAISE A HAND AGAINST YOUR MOTHER, YOU COWARD!
GEEZ! SHE'S STILL AFTER TENCHI!
TENCHI...
MY CHEST HURTS...
RYOKO AND AYEKA... THEY DID THIS...
ALL OF THIS...

GRR
YOU DON'T NEED TO HELP TENCHI!
HUH?



YOU'VE PROVEN YOUR DETERMINATION... YOUR NOBILITY.


OH, TENCHI...

NOW WATCH TENCHI'S RESPONSE.

MY TENCHI...

MOM...

MY KIND MOM...

TO HAVE YOU BACK, AFTER THINKING YOU'D PASSED AWAY...

I WAS SO SHOCKED.

I WAS SO HAPPY.

THANK YOU...

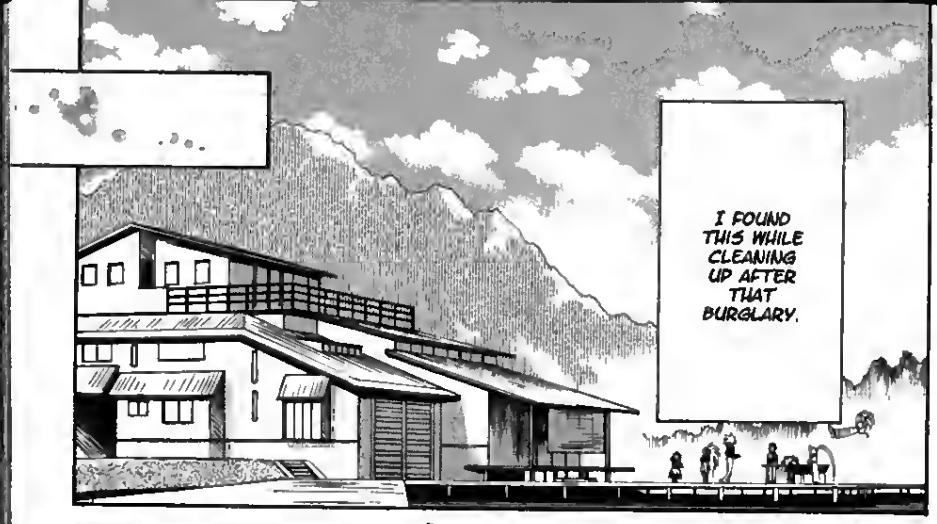
MOM...

DIE!!!

T...
TENCHI...
I'M SORRY...
...I HURT YOU TWO.
I DIDN'T WANT TO FACE THE TRUTH...
...THAT SHE WASN'T MY MOM.
BUT...
...THAT'S OVER NOW.
MY REAL MOTHER IS WITH ME...
...NOW... AND IN THE FUTURE.

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU TWO...OR ANYBODY ELSE!
I WANT YOU GUYS TO BE WITH ME FOREVER!

SUZUKA...
OH... MASTER KAGATO...
I'M SORRY, MASTER KAGATO...
I COULDN'T AVENGE YOU...
WAS IT A FANTASY OF SUZUKA'S FADING MIND...
...OR DID KAGATO'S SOUL AWAKEN, ONE LAST TIME, IN THE CLONE?

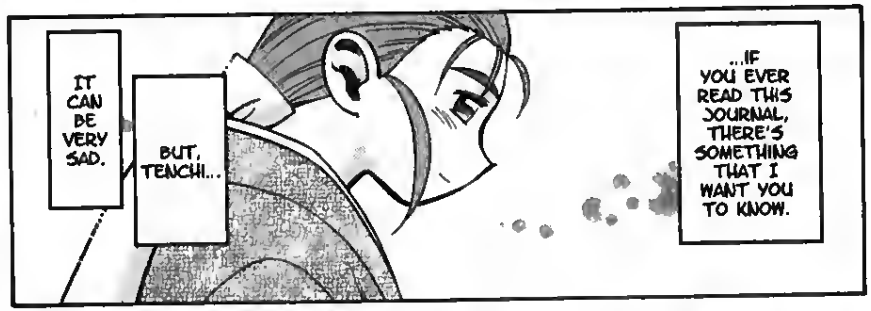

I FOUND THIS WHILE CLEANING UP AFTER THAT BURGLARY.

I THOUGHT YOU OUGHT TO HOLD ON TO IT.

JOURNAL
I THINK THAT WOULD MAKE KIYONE HAPPY.
JOURNAL

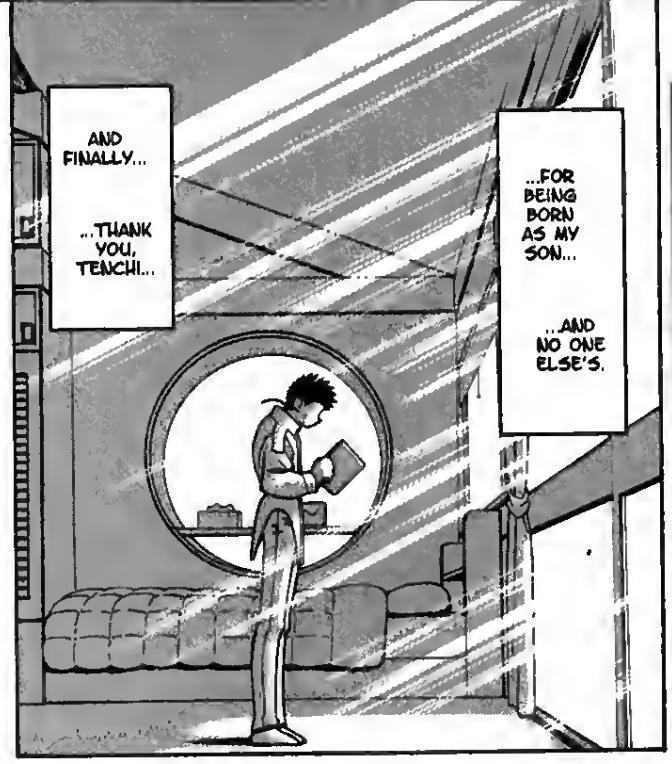
RAISING A CHILD MEANS CONSTANTLY PARTING FROM HIM.
I REALLY DO FEEL THAT.

WHILE YOU WERE INSIDE ME, WE WERE PART OF ONE BODY. ONCE YOU WERE BORN WE WERE SEPARATED.
ONCE YOU DRANK ONLY MY MILK. BUT NOW YOU'RE EATING ALL SORTS OF THINGS AND GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER.
RIGHT NOW WE STILL TAKE BATHS TOGETHER, BUT SOON THAT WILL END, TOO.
YOU'LL KEEP PARTING FROM ME MORE AND MORE.

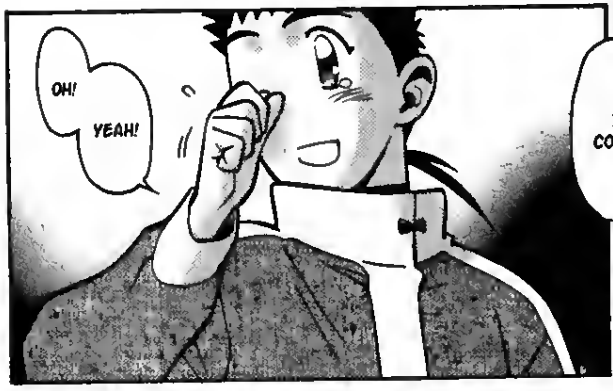

IT CAN BE VERY SAD.
BUT, TENCHI...
...IF YOU EVER READ THIS JOURNAL, THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I WANT YOU TO KNOW.

EACH TIME YOU PART FROM ME, YOU GROW A LITTLE MORE.
THAT GIVES ME MORE HAPPINESS THAN THE SADNESS I FEEL.

IF YOU'RE READING THIS, IT PROBABLY MEANS WE'VE BEEN PARTED FOREVER.
BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE SAD.
YOU'RE A STRONG BOY. YOU'RE MY CHILD.
I HAVE FAITH... THAT YOU'RE SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU.
CHERISH AND PROTECT THEM, NO MATTER WHAT.
YOUR HAPPINESS LIES THERE.
AND YOUR HAPPINESS IS MY GREATEST JOY.


AND FINALLY...
...THANK YOU, TENCHI...
...FOR BEING BORN AS MY SON...
...AND NO ONE ELSE'S.

TENCHI! WE'RE READY!


OH!
YEAH!

I'M COMING!
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I'M FINISHED...
...BUT IT DOESN'T REALLY FEEL THAT WAY. TO BE QUITE HONEST, AFTER COMMITTING 12 YEARS TO THIS SERIES AND HARDLY EVER STOPPING TO REST, I GUESS TENCHI HAS BECOME PART OF MY DAILY LIFE.

IN A FEW MONTHS, I MIGHT FEEL A SORT OF SADNESS, A FEELING THAT SOMETHING IS MISSING...

BUT LOOKING BACK ON IT...IT REALLY WAS A LOT OF FUN. THROUGH TENCHI, I MET MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF PEOPLE, HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE HELP ME OUT, STRESSED OUT FROM DEADLINES, AND CRIED WHEN I COULDN'T COME UP WITH IDEAS NO MATTER HOW HARD I SEARCHED MY BRAIN... HMM...I GUESS NOT ALL THE MEMORIES ARE FUN.

HOWEVER, I CAN SAY THAT, STRANGELY ENOUGH, EVEN THE TOUGH TIMES MAKE GREAT MEMORIES NOW THAT IT'S ALL OVER.

OR PERHAPS IT'S JUST THAT THE TOUGH TIMES LEAVE A STRONGER IMPRESSION IN MY MEMORY.

IT JUST HIT ME NOW...TENCHI HAS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, BECOME PART OF MY LIFE...

THANK YOU, TENCHI...

THANK YOU, RYOKO...

THANK YOU, AYEKA...

THANK YOU, SASAMI...

THANK YOU, MIHOSHI...

THANK YOU, WASHU...

THANK YOU, RYO-OH-KI...

IT WAS SO MUCH FUN GETTING TO KNOW YOU!!

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